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YOM HASHOAH V'HAGVURAH

Ontario Premier Bob Rae, daughter Eleanor and wife Arlene Perly Rae (left) join Miriam Gelbloom (right), co-chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, in a march from Queen's Park to a memorial service at Convocation Hall at last Sunday's Yom Hashoah service. [Ron Csillag photo]

Egyptian tries to ease Mideast crisis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TEL AVIV — Egypt's ambassador to Israel, Mohamed Bassiouny, is a fighter.

Twenty years ago, as Egypt's military attache to Syria, he took part in the secret deliberations which led to the Yom Kippur War.

Today, he is a key player in efforts to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict through diplomatic means.

"Before I was shuttling to make war," he said in an interview in the Egyptian embassy in North Tel Aviv. "Now I am shuttling to make peace."

Bassiouny, a youthful 55, has been posted to Israel for the past 13 years, first as charge d'affaires and, since 1986, as ambassador.

Given Egypt's unique status as the sole Arab country at peace with Israel, Bassiouny is thus in an ideal position to offer Cairo's services as a mediator to both the Israelis and the Arabs.

Bassiouny — who spent 26 years in the Egyptian armed forces and who likens himself to a soldier at the service of his country— helped arrange last week's one-day summit in Ismailia, Egypt, between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his host, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

According to reports, Rabin and Mubarak discussed ways of reinvigorating the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process.

Clearly, Bassiouny is proud that Egypt is trusted by both sides.

"We have a peace treaty with Israel and ties with all the Arab parties," he explained. "We have a national responsibility for solving the Palestinian problem and putting an end to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"We have good relations with the co-sponsors of the peace conference — the United States and Russia — and with the nations which have hosted the (Arab-Israeli) multilateral discussions on topics ranging from Palestinian refugees to water."

Asked how Israel could advance the peace process, Bassiouny suggested several measures.

"We need goodwill from Israel to solve the problem of the (Hamas) deportees; to release some (Palestinian) detainees arrested during the intifada; to allow some (Palestinian) deportees to return to their homes; to raise the standard of living of Palestinians in the occupied areas."

As well, he noted, Israel should present "new and flexible ideas" for Palestinian autonomy for the interim phase. Only then, he declared, will the violence of the intifada fade away.

In Bassiouny's view, the Palestinians should ultimately be given the right of self-determination. Was he referring to a Palestinian state? "They (the Palestinians) can decide what they want. It's a Palestinian problem. But if you ask me personally, the best solution would be a confederation between Jordan and Palestine."

Such a confederation, he observed, would have open borders and would maintain peaceful and co-operative relations with Israel.

Turning to Syria, Bassiouny said the Syrians will not accept anything less than a "full" Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, in exchange for a "full" peace treaty with Israel.

"The principle of land for peace and security is what Israel and Syria must agree on."

Bassiouny said that Syria will reject any proposal that would permit Israel to lease the Golan Heights or station its troops there.

Looking into the future, Bassiouny expressed the conviction that a "just and lasting" peace accord will be of immense benefit to the Middle East.

"Under the umbrella of peace," he said with great gusto, "this area will be a paradise. We have everything necessary to develop — manpower, technology, oil, money, water, good weather — everything!"

Having spent more than a decade in Israel, he is convinced that the majority of Israelis desire peace. "But what kind of a peace? There is a big gap between the extreme right and the extreme left with respect to their views of peace."

Bassiouny, having participated in four wars against Israel, takes Israel's existence for granted. "Israel is a fact and we must deal with this fact."

He cannot foresee another Israeli-Egyptian war. "(Anwar) Sadat said that the October 1973 war was the last war, and I believe this."

Mohamed Bassiouny

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Bassiouny and his wife, Negwa, live in Herzliah Pituach, an upper middle-class suburb of Tel Aviv. Their son and daughter, who are doctors, reside in Cairo. They are the grandparents of three children.

Bassiouny's son spent his honeymoon in Israel.

Fluent in Hebrew, Bassiouny has made it his business to cultivate a wide range of Israelis, rightists and leftists, secular and religious. "I have friends from Rosh Hanikra to Eilat," he said. "Ashkenazis, Sephardis, Arabs, Druze."

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Palestinians delay peace talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Palestinians have once again demonstrated that they cannot be ignored in the Middle East peace process and that the Arab world is loathe to negotiate with Israel without the cover of Palestinian approval.

Bowing to Palestinian pressure, Arab foreign ministers in Damascus said Saturday they wanted to delay the resumption of peace negotiations that had been scheduled to resume Tuesday in Washington. But they said a formal decision would not be made until Monday.

Although it seems that the talks will be delayed by one week only, the fact is that the talks are on hold — because of Palestinian unhappiness that their demands have not been met.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said in Cairo Sunday that no Arab delegation would attend the peace talks unless the Palestinians took part.

Israeli officials received the Arab decision with disappointment, replacing the reserved optimism that had characterized last week's summit meeting between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Israeli negotiators, who had been preparing to depart for Washington, were instructed by Rabin to delay their flights.

Israeli officials appeared to be surprised by the Arab decision to postpone the talks, voicing fear that the delay could extend beyond the few days now envisaged. These officials said the postponement could build up a momentum of its own.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, was quoted Sunday as saying the PLO would propose April 26 as the resumption date.

That would be unacceptable to Israel, since it is the country's Independence Day. Consequently, the talks might be pushed back until at least April 27.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in an interview on Army Radio Sunday, said Israel would not enter into any discussions over further concessions to the Palestinians prior to the resumption of the talks.

To do this, Peres said, would mean negotiating about the resumption itself — rather than negotiating over substantive issues of the peace process.

However, the truth is that the Palestinian delegates have said all along that they would not return to the negotiations unless several conditions were met.

Kaddoumi said Sunday the Palestinians have raised six demands that did not receive satisfactory replies, among them applying the land-for-peace principle contained in UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 to Jerusalem as well as the territories.

That is a non-starter for Israel, which maintains that Jerusalem is its indivisible capital and is not up for negotiation.

The Palestinians have also demanded the return of some 400 Islamic extremists whom Israel deported to Lebanon in December. But more recently, the Palestinians have indicated that they would not insist on the return of all the men as a condition for resuming the peace talks.

Last week, Ziad Abu-Ziad, an adviser to the Palestinian negotiating delegation, said the minimum the Palestinians would demand was partial lifting of the closure of the territories, so that residents would not be banned from entering "Arab Jerusalem."

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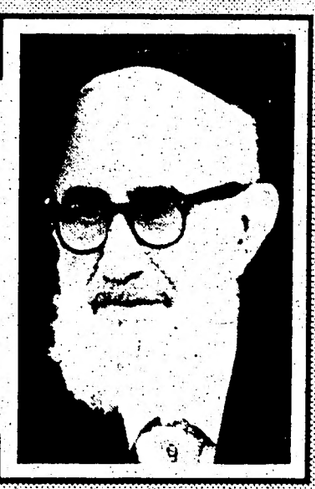

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Toronto Jews honor Warsaw heroes

Yom Hashoah service draws thousands

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The 50th anniversary of the start of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah coincided last Sunday for a powerful afternoon of commemoration and observance.

It was not a day for passivity but for defiance against those who still preach anti-Semitism, admonished Premier Bob Rae on the steps of Ontario's legislature at a pre-memorial rally in front of about 3,000 Holocaust survivors, their children, grandchildren and others.

It was also a day in which everyone should pay tribute to the Warsaw Ghetto resisters, Rae added.

"Today, we celebrate [the resisters'] courage, heroism and determination to fight back against those who would oppress them and take away their lives.

"Even here [in Ontario], it is for us to remember and commemorate and continue to fight for the things in which we believe," the premier stated.

Rae's wife, Arlene Perly Rae, recalled a trip to Poland where she encountered spray-painted anti-Semitic graffiti and where roads were built using the rubble of destroyed synagogues.

Greetings were brought by MPPs Charles Harnick and Monte Kwinter and by Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba.

Metro councillor Norm Gardner blasted Canada for allowing pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel to keep circulating his hatred and for "sheltering" Mohammad Issa Mohammad, a Palestinian convicted in 1970 for an attack on an El Al jet in Athens.

Robert Engel, chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and a survivor of the Westerbork concentration camp, told the crowd he's "not worried anymore" about the Holocuast being remembered. "I know the torch is in good hands. The new generation will carry on and not forget."

The crowd then marched to Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto for a two-hour memorial service opened by event co-chairs Robert Weiss of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Miriam Gelbloom, co-chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

Greetings were brought by federation president Jack Chisvin, B'nai Brith Canada president Gabriel Nachman, Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman and Joel Dimitry, co-chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

Keynote addresses were delivered by rabbis Dow Marmur, David Monson and Avraham Rothman.

Seven memorial candles were kindled by Holocaust survivors, their children, March of the Living participants, partisans, two Righteous Among the Nations, members of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and a former hidden child.

Dramatic Yiddish and English readings were interspersed with stirring musical renditions by the Holy Blossom Temple Singers, the Bialik School Chamber Choir and by cantors Benjamin Maissner and Louis Danto.

Photos by Ron Csillag

Survivors remember in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Peter Dezider Kleinmann, a survivor of Auschwitz and Majdanek, was principal speaker at the annual Yom Hashoah community remembrance at Beth Israel Synagogue. Joining him on the podium were a group of young people from last year's March of the Living.

Earlier in the day, the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society held its annual noon memorial service at Schara Tzedeck Cemetery.

Kleinmann, a retired Montreal businessman, says he has dedicated his life "to promote Holocaust awareness and to underline the positive values of the lives of our martyrs." He concentrates his efforts on young adults through seminars, lectures and personal encounters. He has accompanied the past two March of the Living missions.

Kleinmann says his goal is to transmit "the message of survivors to a generation which is often too complacent and disinterested." In his moving and emotional talk, he emphasized the importance of talking about the Holocaust and visiting concentration camps.

Along with his wife Esther, he has sponsored various scholarship funds and chairs for Holocaust and Jewish studies.

Kleinmann's visit here was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region.

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Jewish student organization forms group for gays, lesbians

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Jewish students at York University who are gay, lesbian or bisexual now have their own support group within the Jewish Student Federation (JSF). To the best of their knowledge, the Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, a committee of JSF, is the only such group on a Canadian university campus.

Although the coalition offers these students the comfort of being able to deal with their sexuality in a Jewish context, its establishment has been a divisive issue at the JSF.

"They're going to alienate a lot of Orthodox and right wing students who will disassociate from the JSF, if their programming isn't done with sensitivity to Orthodox beliefs," worries second-year student Yaron Marzel, Jewish Identity Task Force chair at JSF. Marzel, who has a yeshiva background, is not opposed to a support group, but "if it tries to legitimize the [homosexual] lifestyle, I would have to resign from my position and the JSF. I accept them as individuals without any prejudice, but the homosexual act is a capital crime within Judaism and it's a very contentious issue."

But Andrew (not his real name), one of three co-ordinators of the support group, feels that the coalition fulfills needs that were unmet at BLGAY (the York University group for bisexual, lesbians and gays), where Jewish students comprised as many as 60 percent of those attending meetings. Andrew, who is gay, is a day school graduate and the product of a traditional Jewish home with a history of involvement in Jewish organizations.

There has been "virulent opposition" to the coalition within the JSF, Saar Rozen, JSF president said. Rozen still has reservations about the group, but says that he's become more moderate in his views after learning about the issues.

Concerned about future

Initial JSF opposition, Rozen said, was partly based on fear that funds would be diverted from Jewish continuity programming. While Rozen admits that the coalition requires little if any funding now, he is concerned about the future. "We should make sure the support group operates with the least detriment to the JSF," he says.

At least one student takes umbrage at the "secret meetings" of the support group, which he says are against the JSF constitution (they're not). For reasons of confidentiality, support meetings are not held at JSF.

"Our purpose is to provide programming for Jewish students on campus, whether they're right wing, left wing, gay or feminists," says JSF director Claire Sookman. "Right now there is a need for a support group. They're not looking to do something that would be offensive or go against policy."

For Jewish gay students, Andrew says, the "top issue" is integration into the greater Jewish community. Quite a few of the students who attended the first support group meeting had never set foot in the JSF, he said.

Goals of the group include planning educational programs on Jewish gay issues for the entire JSF and acting as a referral service for Jewish gays, who may number as high as 300 at the university, if the student population reflects statistics indicating that one in 10 people are gay.

Many young Jewish gays become cut off from Judaism, says Andrew, because of a lack of acceptance within Jewish institutions. Jewish gays who are involved in the community before they come out may "watch their Jewish life fade out," he says.

That hasn't happened in his case. He came out a year ago, and requested anonymity in this article only to protect his family from harassment. However, he was concerned that use of a pseudonym would "send a negative message." Being gay, he stressed, should not be cause for embarrassment.

"I have no problem with it," says Ingrid Holland, JSF's social chair, who is not gay. "We should be proud that they want to stay in the community."

For confidential information about the coalition, call BLGAY at 736-2100, extension 20494, or call JSF at 736-5178 and ask for Claire.

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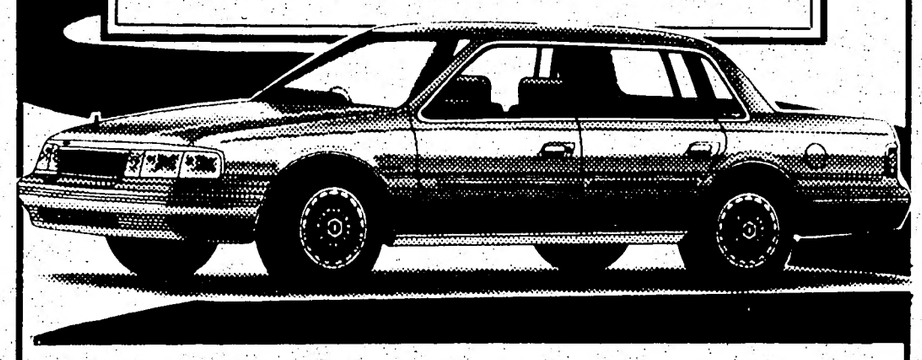

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Canadian messianic Jew gets more time to prove status

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — A Canadian messianic Jew living in Israel has been granted a reprieve in his battle to stay in the country.

Sidney Speakman, 48, and his 44-year-old wife Linda, both believers in Jesus, have been given until June 30 to prove Sidney is a Jew according to Israel's Law of Return.

Originally, the Speakmans were given until March 30 to come up with documents proving Sidney is Jewish or else face expulsion from Israel, which does not recognize messianic Jews, or Hebrew Christians, under the Law of Return.

Sidney, a building inspector in Haifa, has forwarded to Israel's interior ministry his own birth certificate and that of his father, as well as two affidavits swearing that his grandmother was Jewish.

Speakman does not know when or exactly where his grandmother was born but he's certain she was Jewish. Cohen immigrated to Canada in the early part of this century.

Israel's 1950 Law of Return grants automatic Israeli citizenship to Jews, grandchildren of Jews and those who have converted according to halachic standards, upon their immigration to the country.

But it denies automatic citizenship to any Jew who professes another faith.

A Toronto native who was raised in Vancouver, Speakman has always considered himself a Jew but one who believes Jesus is the messiah.

In March, Israel's interior ministry, backed by the Supreme Court, ordered the expulsion of the Speakmans and two other messianic Jewish families because they believe in Jesus and the New Testament, thus disqualifying them for citizenship.

The ministry has always maintained the families are Christian.

Although Linda Speakman can prove both her parents are Jews, Sidney has a more difficult task. His father was a Jew but his mother was Christian and according to Jewish law, Jewish descent is passed through the mother.

His only hope now is to prove his grandmother was Jewish.

The other two messianic families slated for explusion, the Kendels, originally from the United States and the Beresfords, who came from Zimbabwe, have until May 30 to prove their Jewishness.

Speakman is not optimistic the documents about his grandmother will be found but he is hopeful that he will be allowed to stay in Israel.

"Normally, the testimony of one person is sufficient," he said. "I have two affidavits [swearing his grandmother was Jewish]." The documents are signed by his father's two sisters.

The Speakmans arrived in Israel in 1988 and applied for status under the Law of Return. In March 1989, they were told their tourist visas would not be renewed and that they would have to leave the country.

In June 1989, they petitioned the Supreme Court and in May 1991, the interior ministry decided that their daughter, now 16, could be granted citizenship if her parents surrender custody of her, which they have refused to do.

Seeks birth certificate

In a telephone interview, Speakman told *The CJN* the ministry now wants his grandmother's birth certificate as well as her ketubah (Jewish marriage certificate).

Speakman has hired a genealogist to unearth the documents in England, where his grandmother, Alice Emma Cohen, was born.

Cohen, who died in the mid-1950s, was related to the wife of Lord Reading, the turn-of-the-century Jewish Lord Chief Justice of Great Britain, Speakman said.

Court ruling favored ministry

Last September, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the ministry. It said that the families' faith "is such that it is incompatible with the concept of Judaism expressed in the Law of Return [and that] they cannot be considered as Jews under that law."

In the meantime, the Speakmans have lived in a sort of limbo.

Because they have no citizenship and no tourist visas, they have not been able to work since December. Sidney was granted temporary work papers just last week.

The couple's daughter has been staying with Linda's parents in Nevada.

There are roughly 3,000 messianic Jews in Israel, Sidney pointed out. Many are Sabras (natives) who cannot be expelled and many are recent Russian immigrants.

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Peace talks delayed

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Palestinian leaders such as Faisal Husseini had said as early as two months ago that even if the Palestinian delegation wanted to, it was unable to return to the talks "under the present circumstances" because of popular opinion against the talks, fired up by rejectionist groups such as the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

In the past week, there were reports that the Palestinian delegates had received threats to their life if they went to Washington.

Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, head of the Palestinian delegation, said over the weekend that by no means would he return to Washington.

Husseini blamed the Israelis for making it difficult for the delegation to convince the people that the negotiations would improve the situation in the territories.

Rabin, at the weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday, blamed the Palestinians for the delay and praised both Egypt and the United States for their constructive role in the process.

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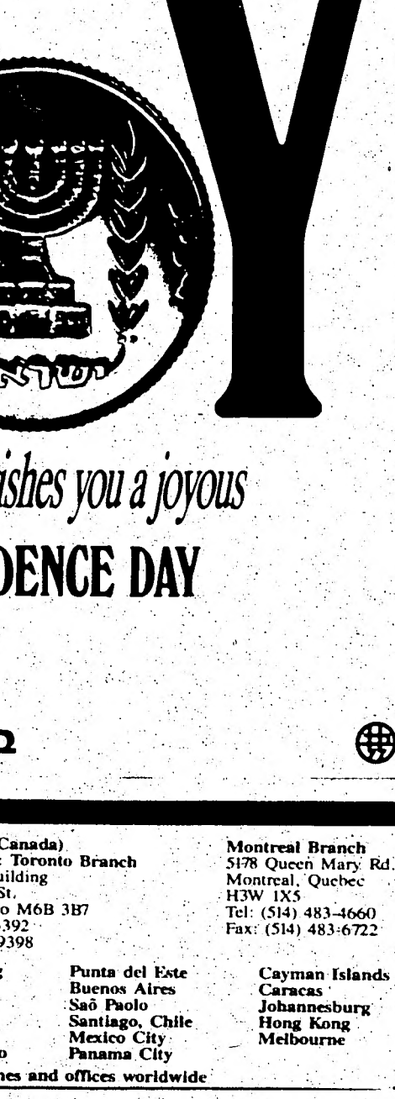

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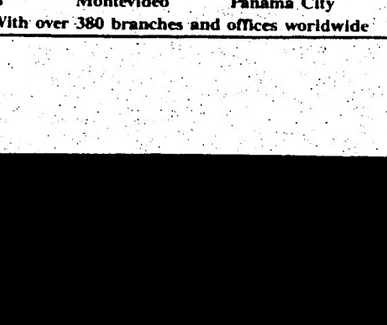

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He takes obvious pride in his wife's accomplishments. "She speaks Hebrew with a Sabra accent. She is very popular in Israel, and is well-known in Israeli society."

Bassiouny heatedly disagrees with the standard Israeli line that Israel and Egypt share a "cold peace." Israel claims that Egypt has discouraged unfettered tourism, trade and cultural exchanges.

"We have normal relations with Israel," he said. "Not more or less than normal."

He spoke of Israel's and Egypt's bilateral co-operation in agriculture. Bassiouny called an aide into his spacious, well-appointed office, and he ticked off an impressive list of current projects in Israel and Egypt, running the gamut from a model farm near Alexandria to a training program for Egyptian agronomists on kibbutzim and moshavim.

Bassiouny also referred to Egyptian petroleum exports to Israel. "Israel buys 25 percent of its oil from Egypt. This is a sure supply."

Furthermore, he added, scores of Israeli and Egyptian dignitaries have visited Cairo and Jerusalem.

Why, though, has Mubarak failed to visit Israel?

Growing somewhat irritated, Bassiouny replied that Mubarak, Sadat's successor since 1981, has called Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at least five times. "How can we call this a cold peace?" He paused. "Do all the presidents of the world visit Israel? They (Rabin and Mubarak)

Political dialogue continues

are in touch always. The political dialogue is continuing. How can I call it cold peace? It is a warm peace!"

Bassiouny claimed that Egyptian dancers and musicians have toured Israel. "And every Friday afternoon there is an Egyptian movie on Israeli TV."

He paused again. "Don't forget that we started peace after 40 years of bloodshed and hatred. Only 14 years have elapsed since the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed. What has been achieved since then goes beyond imagination. Where are we now, compared to 14 years ago? The answer is obvious.

"Egypt moved from a circle of war against Israel to a circle of peace with Israel. This was a very, very important step."

Told that relatively few Egyptian tourists stop in Israel, Bassiouny again grew animated.

"How many Egyptians do you meet in Switzerland? A very small number, compared with Israelis. All my friends in Israel, at least two or three times a year, go abroad. That's not the case with the Egyptian people. Compare the standard of living between Israel and Egypt."

Asked about anti-Semitic articles in the Egyptian press, Bassiouny declared, "We are against anti-Semitism. If you find an anti-Semitic newspaper here and there, it is not the policy of the government."

Condemning Egyptian Islamic fundamentalists, Bassiouny said, "They have nothing to do with Islam! They are fanatics! In Egypt, you will find people in the streets are helping the police against these fundamentalists, and have no sympathy with these killers."

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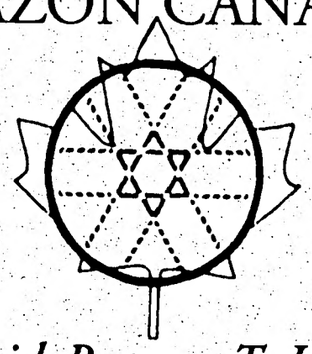

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דער קאַמף פאַרן קיום פון ייִדישן פֿאָלק גייט באַגלייט מיט דער שטרעבונג זיך צו האַלטן ביי דעם נאַציאָנאַלן לשון. אַ ווירדיקער עדות פאַר דעם איז דער חנ"ך. צוזאַמען מיט עברית זיינען אָבער אויפגעקומען אַנדערע לשונות אויף דעם ייִדישן וואַנדערוועג. די אַנדערע שפראַכן זיינען געשאַפֿן געוואָרן לויט די באַדערפענישן פון פֿאָלק, וואָס איז צעשפרייט געוואָרן איבער פאַרשיידענע גלותן.

די שפראַכן ייִדיש און לאַדינאָ זיינען טאַקע געבוירן געוואָרן אין גלות, נאָר האָבן אין משך פון דורות באַרייכערט דאָס ייִדישע לעבן. די ייִדישע שפראַך איז געוואָרן די שפראַך פון מיליאָנען ייִדן און האָט געהערשט אין צענטראַל- און מזרח-אייראָפּע אין משך פון טויזנט יאָר. ייִדיש האָט באַרייכערט אונדזער נאַציאָנאַלע קולטור מיט אומשטערבלעכע שאַפונגען פון קלאַסיקער, ווי שלום-עליכם, מענדעלע מוכר ספרים, י. ל. פרץ, שלום אַש, אברהם רייזען, באַשעוויס-זינגער א.אַ. ייִדישע שאַפונגען זיינען דערגאַנגען אויך צו דער קולטור פון אַנדערע פעלקער.

לאָמיר נישט פאַרגעסן, אַז מיליאָנען ייִדן האָבן אין זייער לעצטן וועג צו די טויטן-גריבער אויך קרעמאַטאָריעס פון אוישוויץ, מיידאַנעק און טרעבלינקאַ זיך באַוצט מיט ייִדיש. אויך די אויפשטענדלער אין די געטאָס פון וואַרשע און ווילנע. אין דער ייִדישער פאַרטיזאַנקע האָט מען געזונגען ייִדיש לידער — „דאָס שטעטל ברענט", „מיר זיינען דאָ" און „פאַרגעס נישט קיינמאָל, אַז דו גייסט דעם לעצטן וועג". די באַפעלן צום קאַמף זיינען געגעבן געוואָרן אין ייִדיש.

אין די יאָרן פון דעם באַפרייאונגס-קריג — 1948-1949, וועלן מדינת ישראל האָט געקעמפט פאַר איר קיום, האָבן זיך אָנגעשלאָסן אין צה"ל יוגנטלעכע, כדי צוראַטעווען דאָס לאַנד פון אומקום. זיי האָבן נישט געקאָנט קיין איין וואָרט עברית און מיט קאַמף-רופן אין ייִדיש זיינען זיי געלאָפן אין די ערשטע רייען. אָט די רופן אין ייִדיש האָט מען געהערט בעת די קאַמפן ביי לאַטרון, אויפן וועג צו באַפרייען ירושלים.

אויך אין די סיבירער טייגעס, אין די תפיסות און לאַגערן פון גרויסן ראַטנפֿאַרבאַנד האָבן ייִדישע דעפֿאָרטירטע און אַרעסטירטע זיך געוואַרעמט ביי אַ ייִדישן וויץ, ביי אַ דערמאָנונג פון שטעטל, פון ייִדישן שטייגער, וואָס די מלחמה-מאַשין האָט צעריבן אונטער אירע רעדער. איצט, וועלן די טויערן פון פילע לענדער זיינען אָפן פאַר מאַסן עולים, צווישן וועלכע עס זיינען פאַראַן אַ סך ייִדיש-רעדנדע — וועלן זיי זיך געווויס אָנשליסן אין דער ישראל-קולטור און מען דאַרף זיי געבן די ישראל-קולטור אויך אין ייִדיש, וואָס איז נאָענט צו זייער נשמה און געמיט.

ס'איז נישט פאַראַן קיין געפאַר, אַז ייִדיש-קולטור און ייִדיש-לשון זאָלן קאָנקורירן מיט עברית. פאַרקערט, ייִדיש-קולטור אין אַלע אירע אַספעקטן קאָן בייטראָגן פאַר דער ליבשאַפט פון מדינת-ישראל. דערפאַר איז וויכטיק די זאָרג פאַר ייִדיש און פאַר די אוצרות פון איר קולטור.

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(נאָך פֿאָלקס-וועריטלעך — אין אַ קומענדיקן נומער)

Show Boat comes under fire

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — As storm clouds gather over *Show Boat*, the "Jewish issue" in the controversy has been dragged into the fray front and centre.

Comments on Jews in the black newspaper *Share* were described as "abhorrent" by Gerda Freiberg, chair, Ontario region, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

"You...have seen fit to besmirch, malign and wound our community," Freiberg said in a letter to Arnold Auguste, publisher and president of *Share*, a weekly newspaper.

The April 8 issue of the newspaper carried a long editorial by Auguste charging that Jews have turned their backs on blacks over the *Show Boat* controversy and an article by one of their regular columnists, Dr. Odida T. Quamina, criticizing the United Way for investing in *Show Boat* and charging that the United Way gives an inordinate amount of money to Jewish agencies.

"The articles are scapegoating the Jews," said Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Representatives of the Congress were to meet, along with people from the black community, with producer Garth Drabinsky and *Show Boat* new York producer Harold Prince, in an effort to find a solution to the opposition by some blacks to the $8 million musical which is scheduled to open the $48 million North York Performing Arts Centre Oct. 5.

Ruth Grant, chair of United Way, said the agency is reconsidering its part in an Oct. 26 fundraising night at the musical but she lashed out at Quamina for charging that Jewish agencies get $21.1 million, or 45 per cent of the United Way budget.

"Perhaps most disturbing about Dr. Quamina's column is the utterly gratuitous connection he made (also present in your column) between the *Show Boat* issue and Jews. We despair of pitting one community against another, just as we oppose racism, whatever its source," Grant said in her letter to *Share*.

"Based on data supplied by our agencies, we estimate that more than 10 percent of United Way dollars are spent on service to blacks in Metro Toronto. This includes five agencies which serve blacks as their specific mission, another 37 which report that up to 50 percent of their clients are black, and large agencies, like the Family Service Associaton, the CNIB and the Canadian Hearing Society, which report that some 10 percent of their clients are black. Since some large agencies, like the Red Cross, do not record ethnic data, it is likely that the numbers are even higher," she wrote.

"Dr. Quamina claims that 'some sources estimate that as much as 45 per cent, $211 million, goes to Jewish agencies.' Nonsense. There are nine Jewish member agencies, which receive nine percent of the total United Way allocations. Moreover, those agencies are themselves non-denominational, serving all members of the community.

"What possible motive could Dr. Quamina have for so blatantly misrepresenting the numbers? He could easily have found out the truth by calling the United Way. Indeed he chose to ignore the detailed information which we sent him in October, 1991."

The CJC Ontario region has asked for a meeting with Auguste to discuss the articles in the April 8 issue.

"Why did both of you (Auguste and Quamina) drag the Jewish community into this controversy?" Freiberg wrote. "In your case, the rationale seems to be that Jews have been conceptually involved in *Show Boat*. How is the Jewishness of these individuals relevant?

"The producer and the mayor who are bringing *Show Boat* to North York did not engage in prior consultation with the Jewish community. It is unfair, to say the least, to put the onus of responsibility collectively on the Jewish community because you object to the actions of a number of individuals who happen to be Jewish. Would you feel it right for the entire black commmunity to be attacked if a particular person, who happens to be black, does something of which others disapprove?"

Drabinsky has indicated that he is willing to speak to blacks but is determined to go ahead with the musical which he describes as a "revered" classic of the American stage.

"Profound disappointment" with the choice of *Show Boat* to open the North York Performing Arts Centre was voiced in a statement by the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

The Council said: "Our disappointment stems from our awareness that this play, although intended to be an historical portrayal, demeans black culture and black people and is the cause of great anguish among our fellow citizens in the black community. We express our solidarity with all those who feel betrayed and hurt by public support for a production which perpetuates negative images and hateful stereotypes.

"In a multi-racial, multicultural society, we must be sensitive to the concerns of minority groups who feel vulnerable and victimized by racism, which can be manifest in literary and artistic expression. In particular, we are concerned about the reinforcement of racist attitudes among young people who might see this production. The selection of *Show Boat* totally disregards these concerns."

The statement was signed by Austin Beutel, president, Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb, executive director, and Carol Tator, chair, national social action committee.

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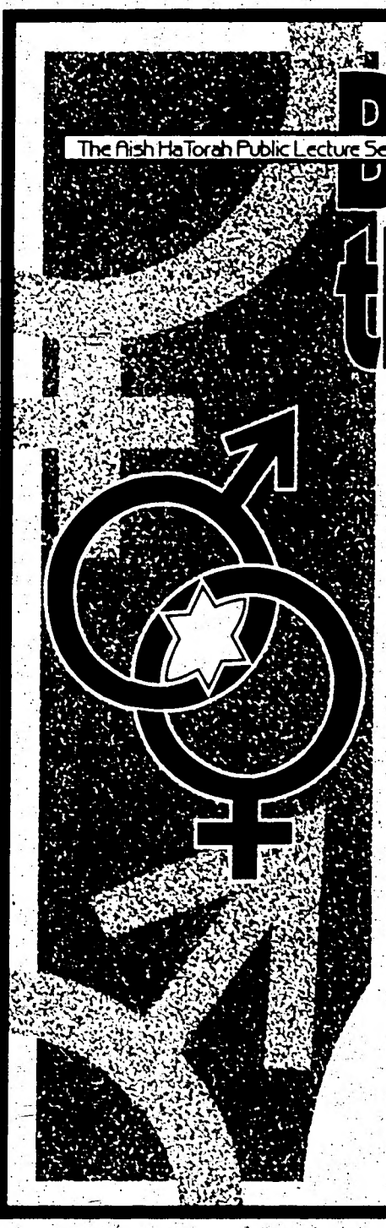

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Gary Bettman

On Feb. 1, Gary Bettman assumed a position as commissioner of the National Hockey League (NHL) after a 12-year association with the National Basketball Association (NBA). Given the NBA's reputation as the best-run major sports league in North America, hiring the NBA's senior vice-president and general counsel was widely seen as part of an effort by the NHL to infuse a fresh outlook and new ideas in the wake of the league's first-ever players strike. A resident of New City, New York, Bettman, 40, is a highly visible and accessible commissioner who has visited every NHL city. He spoke to the CJN's Paul Lungen in a telephone interview from New York.

CJN: *What do you see as your main goal right now?*

Bettman: There are three areas I'm focused on. One is our operations from the league office standpoint. I'm looking to make us stronger where I think there are holes and provide better services to all of our constituent groups, including the media, by beefing up our public relations department.

And second, for next season, I see two collective bargaining agreements, one with the players and one with the officials.

CJN: *How much do you have to rely on the owners' consent for major innovations or is it something you can get out in front with?*

Bettman: You can get out in front and lead but you still need the owners' consent. The commissioner has to work with the owners. They own the teams and you want to make sure you always have a consensus of the teams. I don't see the commissioner as an independent entity who can just do whatever he wants. I think it's important that he acts in the best interests of the league in terms of what he can persuade the owners [to accept] on a group basis.

CJN: *We've seen a major shakeup in the league's leadership structure in the last year. Bruce McNall (owner of Los Angeles Kings) is now chairman of the board among the owners and your appointment is fairly recent. Does this signal a change in the direction for the NHL and its future?*

Bettman: I don't know what it signals going back. I only know what it looks like going forward. Bruce [McNall] is very creative, very smart, very marketing-driven. And I know he shares my views that we need to look for ways to expand our fan base.

CJN: *And that expansion is in the United States?*

Bettman: No. We want to make sure our fan base expands everywhere, especially in North America. We're not limited solely to the United States. We want to make sure our fans in Canada are as happy as everywhere else.

CJN: *We've been hearing in recent months that the NHL is looking for a major TV contract in the United States...*

Bettman: We already have one in Canada. We don't have one in the United States. That's not to diminish the Canadian market. On the contrary, the game is more popular in Canada than in the United States and we're trying to extend its popularity. I think we have the most room to grow in the United States.

CJN: *In the surveys I've seen, hockey ranks very low in terms of sports that are watched on TV by Americans. Aren't you fighting a losing battle trying to appeal to Americans where hockey is just not part of the culture?*

Bettman: First of all, if it's ranked low, and I don't know what survey you're referring to, the fact is if it's not watched much on TV it's because it's just not there. I believe if we get greater exposure for the sport, which we are in the process of doing this season with our ESPN contract, more fans will be turned on to the game.

CJN: *How will the Canadian fans benefit from more expansion? Isn't it just going to dilute the game even more than it is today?*

Bettman: First of all, I don't think the game has been diluted. We're fortunate that we've had a tremendous influx of talent from Europe. We have the world's greatest players playing NHL hockey. [If] more people throughout North America and throughout the world become interested in our game, it [won't] diminish the core fan base in Canada. I think, if anything, it makes it more interesting.

CJN: *The relationship between the NHL and the players' association has been problematic lately. Last year there was a strike. Are you trying to create a more co-operative relationship with the players?*

Bettman: Absolutely. I'm committed to trying to forge a partnership with the players that's fair to the players and to the owners and that enables us together to build the sport to the benefit of our fans.

CJN: *What do you see as the major issues between the league and the players association?*

Bettman: I think we need to create a framework to go forward to build the sport. That's my primary focus. [The framework should] make sense to the players and the league and that needs to be discussed between Bob Goodenow (head of the players association) and the negotiating parties on both sides. I think we need to see if we can craft something that can serve as the foundation for the league's growth. I think we need a stable, productive relationship that works for both sides.

CJN: *Is the league heading in the direction of increased free agency for players?*

Bettman: You can't look at it in terms of one element here and there. You need to have a whole system that works and I'm not prepared to say what that system is going to look like yet. It's something that we need to do with the players union.

CJN: *Is some sort of revenue sharing between owners, or between players and owners as in the NBA something you would look at?*

Bettman: Well, the NBA doesn't have revenue sharing among owners. They have it with the players who gave the league a salary cap in return for a percentage of the gross [income]. So it's revenue sharing with the players.

I'm not wedded to that system. That system works vey well in the NBA but the system we hope we come up with will have to make sense to the players and to the league. It may be an NBA-style salary cap or it could be a system that hasn't even been invented yet. We need a system that we craft with the players.

CJN: *Let me ask you about two Canadian franchises. The Toronto team was mismanaged for close to 20 years under its previous ownership and in Edmonton we see an owner who has been dismantling a great team to pay off his debts. Would you consider some minimum standards that owners would have to meet in order to protect the integrity of the game in NHL cities?*

Bettman: I'm not prepared to necessarily agree with you that Toronto was mismanaged and I'm not prepared to agree with you that [Edmonton owner] Peter Pocklington is selling off players to pay off his debts.

Pocklington is running his team the way he thinks he needs to, to regroup for the future. He's committed to do the best for his franchise. How many owners have brought their city five Stanley Cup champions? So I'm not so sure your characterization is fair or appropriate.

CJN: *But do you contemplate any minimum standards that owners would have to meet?*

Bettman: My goal is to ensure that all our franchises are as well run and operated as successfully as possible.

CJN: *Turning to another subject, do you think there is any room for fighting in the NHL?*

Bettman: The answer is that I'm not prepared to say one way or another. I think the debate has gotten considerable and maybe too much attention and that we as a league have to finally come to the point where we say this is how much fighting, if any, we're going to have in the game. These are the rule changes, if any, that we need, and we have to go out and enforce our rules and put the debate to rest however it comes out.

To make that decision, I think we need to touch all bases — the fans, the media, the players, the coaches, the general managers and the owners, and then we need to come to rest on the issue.

CJN: *Would it be necessary to marginalize fighting in order to make hockey attractive to people in the southern United States?*

Bettman: Not necessarily. As I said, I'm not prepared to reach a conclusion one way or another.

CJN: *I'd like to ask you about arena ice surfaces. There have been some suggestions that the players are just too big and fast for the present rink dimensions. Should rinks now being built be able to expand to Olympic size?*

Bettman: I'm not necessarily sure that our hockey people would agree with that conclusion. As I've said on a variety of issues, if there's something that pays for us to take a look at and see if a change makes sense, we'll take a look at it. It doesn't mean we'll make the change but at least we will discuss it and then decide if it makes sense or it doesn't and go on from there.

CJN: *Has this subject been brought up by owners or general managers?*

Bettman: One or two general managers have raised it as something we should talk about, but it isn't something that has been strenuously pushed.

CJN: *About divisional realignment. The Maple Leafs' management has said it would prefer to go to the Adams Division rather than stay in the Norris.*

Bettman: Divisional re-alignment is a difficult issue. In any alignment or re-alignment, you can't make every team happy. You try to do what makes sense for the greatest number of teams while being the least disruptive.

You can't fix every problem with re-alignment because geography may not lend itself to that. If you tried to put every team in the Eastern Time Zone in the same conference or division, you'd have 16 teams in the east. It wouldn't work. So you try to find the proposal that makes the most sense to the greatest number of teams.

CJN: *One criticism of the NHL has been that too many teams make the playoffs, which can make for some fairly lethargic games in the middle of the season, and that the season goes on much too long. This year it might not end until June. How would you respond to that?*

Bettman: I think that whatever merits that complaint had when there were 21 teams is ameliorated when there are 26 [next season]. When 10 teams don't make the playoffs, that's a pretty good cut off and it's comparable to other sports.

With respect to the length of the season, I wouldn't want it to get any longer. I think with good scheduling and good playoffs, the season works well.

CJN: *Where do you see the NHL going in terms of expanding to Europe or marketing its products there?*

Bettman: I think that hockey is a very popular sport worldwide, maybe the most truly international sport. I think that we will continue to pursue the televising of our games and the licensing of our products throughout the world outside of North America, but I think that the future of our teams is in North America. I'm committed, at least for the foreseeable future, to making sure that our 26 franchises are as healthy and as successful as possible and that the league is in the best possible shape here.

CJN: *Why do you see that as a major goal for the NHL?*

Bettman: I think one of the NHL's goals is to increase the popularity of hockey, not just NHL hockey, but hockey worldwide. And having the world's best players in the Olympics I think furthers that goal.

The News in Brief

Right to die upheld

JERUSALEM — A Tel Aviv District Court judge has issued a temporary order upholding an 83-year-old woman's request that life-prolonging medical treatment be suspended.

The judge issued a temporary injunction barring kidney dialysis treatment for Rachel Tsa'adi, who suffers chronic kidney disease.

Tsa'adi apparently filed a legal petition through her daughters, after doctors told her a decision about suspending treatment was in the hands of the courts.

Judge Uri Goren made the decision after visiting the patient and determining she was lucid and understood the consequences of her request.

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Religion listing controversy

ATHENS — The Greek Parliament has overwhelmingly rejected a proposal by the government that would have made the listing of religion on national identity cards optional instead of obligatory.

The amendment, long sought by Jewish groups as well as Greece's Catholic minority, was denounced by the country's all-powerful Orthodox Church and defeated in a rowdy Parliament session.

For the first time in many years, the Socialists and Communists voted alongside conservative deputies of the ruling New Democracy Party, backing down from the proposal made by Greek Interior Minister Yiannis Kefalogiannis.

Last month, Kefalogiannis told a visiting delegation from the World Jewish Congress that Greece would be dropping its insistence on having religion listed on I.D. cards.

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German court upholds ban

BONN — A federal court has upheld a ban imposed by the government several months ago against three right-wing neo-Nazi organizations.

The Federal Administrative Court here rejected an appeal submitted by the groups against the ban imposed by Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters.

The court ruled the ban was legal, since all three groups had demonstrated their attachment to Nazi ideology and values.

The legal battle over the ban is now expected to continue at the constitutional court.

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Haredim riot in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — Riots broke out during the Passover holiday in fervently Orthodox neighborhoods of the city in protest over archeological excavations of caves in northern Jerusalem where Jews were supposedly buried in ancient times.

Protests were triggered after several dozen Orthodox residents inspected a just-completed dig in Pisgat Ze'ev and were forced away from the site by police who were summoned by workers from the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Hours later, rioting erupted in Mea She'arim and other religious neighborhoods, where haredim, or fervently Orthodox Jews, set trash cans on fire, threw stones and bottles at police and blocked traffic.

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Neo-Nazis attack immigrant

ROME — Neo-Nazis broke into the apartment of an immigrant leader here and brutally attacked him, carving a swastika on his face, dousing him with gasoline and setting his home on fire.

The attack came one day before a new Italian movie about neo-Nazi gangs was to open in cinemas around the country.

The victim, who is the president of an immigrants association, was rushed to the hospital after the attack.

Several unidentified persons broke into Nowfer's apartment, tied him up and carved a swastika on his face with a knife. They also daubed swastikas on the walls of his home.

Before fleeing the scene, the assailants set a fire, causing an explosion that seriously damaged the building.

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World

U.S. budget items get mixed reviews

Clinton proposals include increases to settle refugees

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

U.S. President Bill Clinton's 1994 budget, sent to Capitol Hill, keeps funding for various programs of Jewish interest at the same or higher funding levels than the current fiscal year.

Although country-by-country expenditures in the foreign aid section of the budget were not spelled out, aid to Israel is expected to remain at its current annual level of $3 billion.

Clinton and his foreign policy team have said on numerous occasions that aid to Israel, the largest recipient of American aid, and to Egypt, the second-largest recipient at $2.1 billion a year, would remain constant for at least another year.

Some in the Jewish community were initially worried that the troubled American economic climate could result in budget cuts affecting aid to Israel or other programs of concern to American Jews. But for the most part, such programs seem to have been spared.

For instance, funding for domestic resettlement of refugees, including Jews from the former Soviet Union, will actually increase after being cut back this past year.

That, of course, assumes that Congress will pass the administration's budget intact, which it never does. In fact, in recent years, the president's budget has been regarded as more of a policy blueprint and "wish list" that is drastically revised in the year-long congressional allocations and appropriations process.

The State Department budget reflects the administration's focus on changing its foreign assistance priorities in the post-Cold War world.

The budget for the department is based on five objectives: building democracy, promoting and maintaining peace, promoting economic growth and sustainable development, addressing global problems, and providing humanitarian assistance.

As expected, the Soviet successor states received a boost of over $300 million in additional aid, which was backed by many Jewish groups.

Funding for Israel and Egypt's aid packages falls under the category of promoting and maintaining peace. The administration has placed a high priority on the Middle East peace process.

Aid to Israel and Egypt now totals 87 percent of the entire U.S. security assistance budget, the State Department said, up from 70 percent in the late 1980s, because of shrinking overall levels of aid.

But in real dollars, Israel's annual infusion of U.S. aid, which has remained constant since the mid-1980s, has been shrinking because of inflation.

In addition to $1.8 billion in military aid and $1.2 billion in economic assistance for Israel, the budget earmarks $55 million in U.S. aid for the resettlement of refugees in Israel, down from $80 million the year before.

The 1994 budget also includes a new request for $5 million to support the multilateral working groups of the Middle East peace process.

Another provision in the budget calls for canceling the Voice of America relay station that had been scheduled to be built in Israel's Negev desert. This cut had been expected by many in the pro-Israel community.

The station had triggered controversy in Israel, in part because of concern about its environmental impact.

The new budget also calls for the deletion of provisions included in previous budgets that barred the state and defence departments from awarding contracts to firms complying with terms of the Arab boycott against Israel.

"We are dismayed that the administration's budget proposal calls for the deletion of two provisions to fight the Arab boycott," Phil Baum, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress said in a statement protesting the move.

Baum said the proposed deletions are "particularly puzzling" because Vice President Al Gore and State Department counsel Tim Wirth co-sponsored the provisions when they served in the Senate.

The Bush administration also called for the deletion of the provisions, AJCongress officials said, but Congress retained them last year.

Other sources, however, said that the deletions would not have much practical effect and did not represent a change in policy, because the provisions are already written into law for the defence department, at least.

On the domestic side, refugee assistance, which was cut back this past year to approximately $380 million, was increased to approximately $420 million for 1994. Some of that money will go to federation agencies around the country that are involved in resettling Jews from Russia and the other former Soviet republics.

Another program providing for emergency refugee funding will remain constant at around $49 million. The emergency program can be used to help refugees from turbulent places like Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which will open later this month, had its funding for operations increased from $11 million to $21 million. Funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities remained almost constant, at approximately $175 million each.

Jewish groups were also pleased by increased funding for the Head Start education program and the Women, Infants and Children food program. These increases had been announced in February, when Clinton first presented some of his economic priorities in his State of the Union address.

A program providing emergency food and shelter, which is important to Jewish federations across the country, saw its funding increased from $100 million in the 1993 budget to $123 million.

Other programs were cut back in the 1994 budget, such as programs for housing for the elderly.

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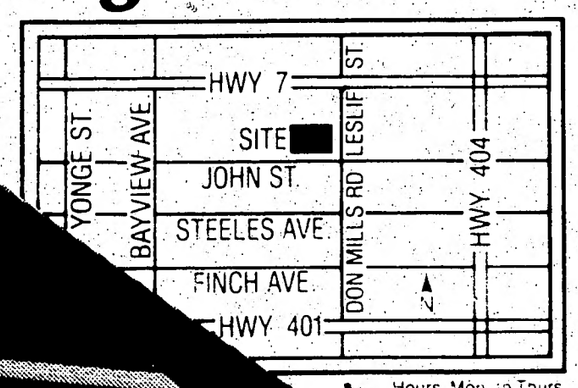

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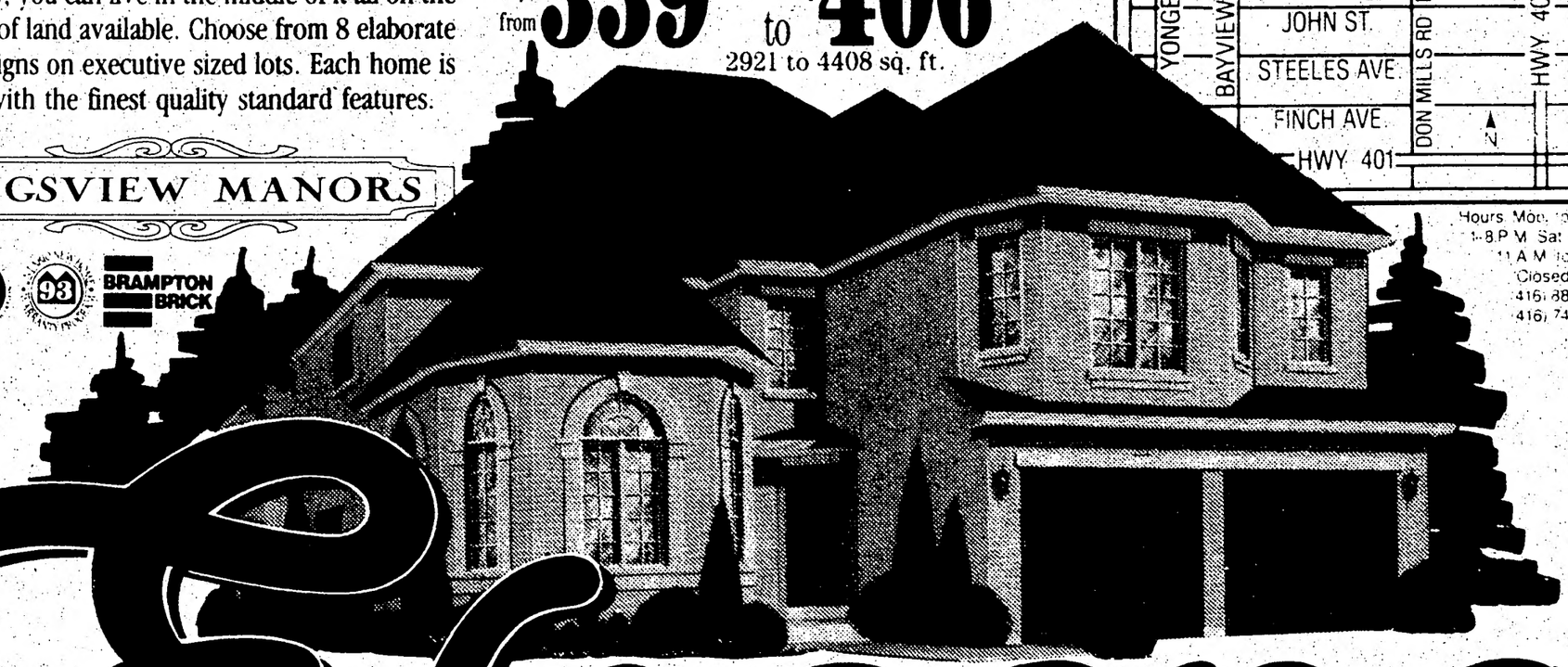

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Nuns to leave Auschwitz convent

ROME (JTA) — A group of Carmelite nuns has received instructions from Pope John Paul II to leave their convent on the site of the Auschwitz death camp, and has agreed to do so, say sources close to the situation.

Tadeusz Rakoczy, the Catholic bishop who presides over the town of Oswiecim, where Auschwitz is located, read a letter of instruction the pope sent to the 14 nuns last week.

According to sources in Poland, the Pope wrote: "By the will of the church, you are to move to another convent in Oswiecim.

"Each one of you is free to choose either to continue her life as a Carmelite nun in the same community or to go back to her convent of origin. This is undoubtedly a moment of trial for each one of you."

According to Stanislaw Krajewski, the American Jewish Committee representative in Poland, Rakoczy said the nuns "received the letter with full obedience to Holy Father's will."

And in New York, Elan Steinberg, a spokesman for the chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, quoted Rakoczy as saying the nuns agreed to move "within a reasonable time," meaning within a few weeks.

A Vatican spokesman in Rome said that the letter, written in Polish, was not a direct order for the nuns to leave the convent "although it could be interpreted as such.

"It was a letter in which the Holy Father expressed his thinking at this moment," the spokesman said. "Before making their decision whether or not to leave the convent, the nuns had asked what was the thinking of the Holy Father on the situation."

In Paris, Jean Kahn, president of the European Jewish Congress, praised the Pope's letter, saying it was "high time for the Pope himself to take the initiative to give the only order able to convince the nuns to leave the premises. Delay after delay, this affair seemed to never end."

Protest cancelled

Theo Klein, the chief Jewish representative at the 1986 and 1987 negotiations in Geneva with the Catholic Church over the convent at Auschwitz, said that he "will be fully satisfied when the nuns leave the convent and return it to where it belongs" and "take away the cross they erected in front of the building."

Rabbi Avi Weiss, president of Amcha, the Coalition for Jewish Concerns, cancelled a protest he had planned, but warned in a statement: "If the sisters do not leave the Auschwitz convent in one month, we will have no choice but to return to demonstrate."

Weiss and a small group of followers demonstrated at the convent in July 1989, which led to physical confrontation between Weiss and supporters of the convent, and to a diplomatic imbroglio on an international scale over the matter.

Despite the apparently unequivocal instructions from the Vatican, there continue to be tensions within Poland over the planned relocation of the nuns to a convent a short distance away from the death camp.

In the Polish daily *Zycie Warszawy*, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, vice secretary of the Polish Episcopate, or bishops conference, wrote that the decision to move or not "is an expression of the nuns' sovereign will.

"Of course, in the Catholic Church there exists the concept of obedience, but the sisters have the right to make their own decision. What can be decided locally should not be decided higher.

"Legally, the abandoned convent will still be a convent for a hundred years — that is the order's property," Pieronek wrote.

According to Krajewski, Pieronek also said that international Jewish organizations exacerbate the problem, while the tiny Jewish community in Poland is co-operative.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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There are many occupational names that are described by the product in which a person dealt. Examples are: Fleischman — meat man; Brotman — bread man; Zukerman — sugar man; Saltzman — salt man.

The name Kleiman falls into this category. It derives from the German word Klei (clay).

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Marvin Zylber of Montreal, sends me a triple order to write about the surname of his father, mother, and grandmother.

Zylber is the phonetic pronounciation of the German Silber, which means silver. It was an ornamental name like Gold, although it was also adopted by a jeweller or silversmith.

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Yom Hashoah commemorates ghetto fighters

JERUSALEM (JTA) — At precisely 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, the mournful wail of a siren brought Israel to a standstill, as it does every year on Yom Hashoah.

The two-minute siren, which could be heard in every street and alleyway in the country, wailed in memory of those who died in the Holocaust.

At the sound of the blast, people froze in midstride. Drivers stopped their cars in the middle of the road and stood at attention. Nothing — not even the blue-and-white flags that were flown at half mast — moved in the hot, breathless air.

This year, Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day, paid special tribute to those who resisted the Nazis through organized revolts and personal struggles.

Events at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and the Knesset focused on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which became the symbol of Jewish resistance throughout Europe during the Holocaust, and on smaller revolts in several ghettos and death camps.

On Saturday night, the eve of Yom Hashoah, all restaurants and places of entertainment such as movie theaters and concert halls were closed, adding to the already solemn atmosphere.

Israel Radio confined its selections to Israeli folk songs and classical music, while Israel Television pre-empted its regular programming with programs about the Holocaust.

At Yad Vashem, Holocaust survivors, their families and dignitaries gathered for the first of three emotion-filled ceremonies.

Six survivors, all of whom now reside in Israel, lit the six memorial torches. Three of the torch-bearers fought in the Warsaw Ghetto resistance, two participated in the uprising at the Bialystok Ghetto and one fought in the prisoners' revolt at Treblinka.

In speech after speech, dignitaries remembered the fallen and called on Israel to prevent another Holocaust.

On Sunday morning, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told those gathered at Yad Vashem, "We have learned from the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising not to be weak, that we can depend only on ourselves. The State of Israel will ensure that the Holocaust will never happen again."

Referring to the recent upsurge in anti-Semitic and other hate crimes around the world, Aaron Carmi, head of the Organization of Partisans, Fighters and War Disabled, said, "We will not tolerate the emergence of neo-Nazism anywhere in the world.

"We must be careful and vigilant," he said. "We will maintain and protect our strength and security so that we will be able to make peace with our neighbors."

Yitzhak Arad, the chairman of Yad Vashem, sounded the only upbeat note of the day when he scanned the large crowd and observed, "I see many of our third generation here. The young people are very sensitive to the Holocaust, and every year more and more youths attend the ceremonies.

"This is proof that the younger generation remembers, and it must lead the way to protect future generations," he said.

Though his family did not directly experience the Holocaust, having emigrated from Morocco, 16-year-old Yair Salem said he had come to Yad Vashem "to remember the Jews who died.

"As a Jew, I share in the Holocaust experience, even though my family was spared," he said. "The six million who died were a part of me, and I am a part of them."

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik leader of modern Orthodoxy

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the last of his generation of towering intellectual and religious giants of Orthodox Judaism, died in Boston at the end of the third day of Pesach. He was 90.

Considered the spiritual mentor of modern Orthodoxy, "the Rav" as he was known with affection and not a little awe, was a scion of the Brisker line of rabbis and scholars.

Born in Pruzhany, now in Belarus, in 1903, he was educated mainly by private tutors, and in the intellectual "Brisker" method of studying Talmud by his father, the noted scholar Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik. He entered the University of Berlin in 1925, where he earned his PhD.

It was there too that he met his wife, Tonya, a PhD recipient from the University of Jena. Their relationship was a particularly close one, and he was reportedly devastated by her death in 1967.

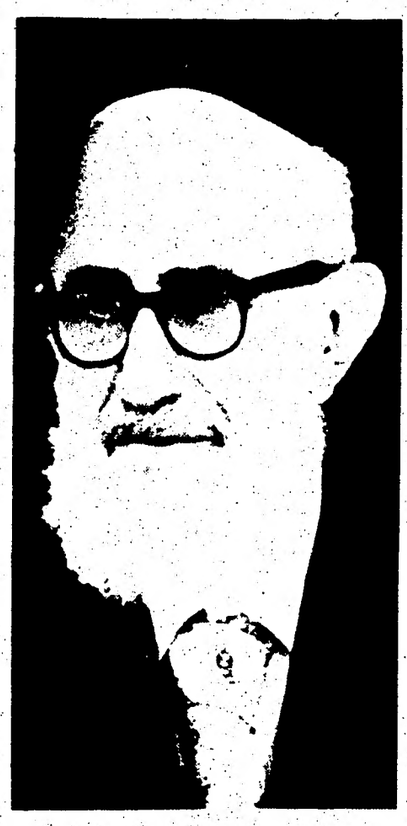
Rabbi Soloveitchik immigrated to America in 1932, where he accepted the position of Chief Rabbi of Boston, a post he held until his death.

The Maimonides School that he founded there in 1937 was the first Hebrew day school in New England, and one of the very few at that time outside of New York City.

In 1941, he succeeded his father as professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), and became Leib Merkin Distinguished Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy when that post was created in 1978.

He commuted from Boston to New York twice a week to conduct his classes, which influenced thousands of students, and, through them, thousands more in the outside community.

He ordained over 2,000 rabbis.



Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik

The rabbi was a firm supporter of a strong secular as well as religious education, and of maintaining ties with non-Orthodox and non-Jewish communities, although he stressed the imperative of maintaining the uniqueness of the Orthodox position and beliefs.

In accordance with Brisker tradition, and because of his perfectionism, little of his own work was published during his lifetime, although some of his students undertook to gather and disseminate his teachings themselves.

Three essays of his were published, *Halachic Man*, *Confrontation*, and *Lonely Man of Faith*.

His public shiurim, especially those before the High Holy Days and at the yahrzeits of his father and his wife attracted thousands.

Rabbi Soloveitchik was the spiritual mentor of Mizrachi, the religious Zionist movement, and was at one time considered for the post of chief rabbi of Israel, an honor he refused, believing that the political nature of the position would affect its religious independence.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander, chairman of the Toronto Vaad Harabonim, was a pupil of Rabbi Soloveitchik at RIETS, and received smicha from him.

He described him as being "exceedingly brilliant; he was learned in every chochma (branch of wisdom) and had a wealth of knowledge."

The Rav, said Rabbi Hoschander, was concerned about each of his students. "If they were considering a position, he was in touch with them first (advising them)."

On behalf of the Vaad, Rabbi Hoschander said "We are as devastated as the rest of the world. Everyone considered him one of the foremost of the gedolim of our generation."

Other Toronto area rabbis who were students of Rabbi Soloveitchik include Rabbis Avishai David, Yitzchak Witty, Mordechai Ochs, Howard Sacknowitz, Sheldon Steinberg, Mark Dratch, Menachem Gopin, Steven Cohen and Hamilton's Morton Green.

Rabbi Soloveitchik is survived by his son, Rabbi Haym Soloveitchik, professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School, daughters Dr. Atara Twersky of Boston and Tova Lichtenstein of Israel, a brother, Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik, sisters Shulamith Meiselman and Anne Gerber and several grandchildren.

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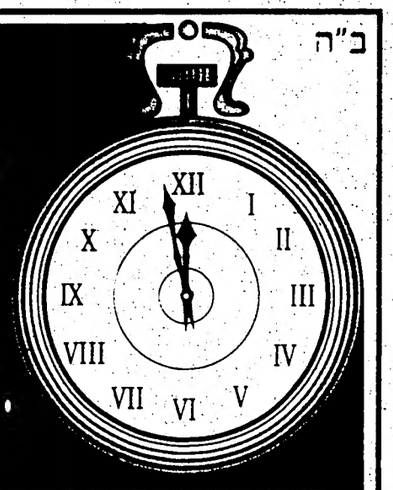

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Front Line

Mubarak hopes to dismantle Islamic time bomb

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, whose troubles at home with his Islamic fundamentalists are a lot more alarming than those involving Muslim fanatics from the territories, believes that a breakthrough in the Israeli-Arab peace process will help to dismantle the Islamic time bomb.

Mubarak went to Washington recently, just after Rabin had been there and reached an undisclosed understanding with Clinton on the peace process. Both returned encouraged by the knowledge that their huge aid packages would continue undiminished.

Embattled Boris Yeltsin brought to Vancouver his own agenda and was supported in his uphill struggle for political survival. But his financial achievements were rather modest and, unless massively fortified by the Group of Seven, will earn him more bitterness than credit at home. It remains to be seen how effective worldwide American magic can be.

The brand-new U.S. president is receiving world leaders in rapid succession and is expected to justify their reliance on Washington at a time when the ability of the United States to be everyone's savior is limited. But with no candidate to relieve the States of its global responsibilities, Washington is still the only leader around.

Forced by worldwide trouble into the role of first actor, or chief impresario, the United States will have to try to act as best it can, with no success guaranteed.

In Bosnia, half-measures were not sufficient to stop the carnage. In Somalia the U.S. relief operations are bogged down in tribal war. Other conflicts are either unattended or unmanageable. But it is in the Mideast that the clout of the Clinton administration will shortly undergo a major test, provided unexpected international developments will not occupy centre stage.

On the face of it, President Mubarak's meetings in Washington gave the impression of ongoing triangular diplomacy. No open pressure on Israel to bring the still hesitating Palestinians to the conference table. On the contrary, both Clinton and Mubarak showed outspoken support for Rabin's policies. Mubarak said American-Israeli agreement on the Hamas deportees should solve the issue.

Yeshayahu Anug

The announced meeting with Rabin was also meant to confirm the existence of an elaborate scheme for joint action. All this was designed to raise expectations and to prepare the region for developments ahead. The public is unaware of the details, but is prepared to be surprised.

In Israel, the wave of terrorism has subsided while the extraordinary measures taken to isolate the inhabitants of the territories from "the sovereign State of Israel" — as Rabin for the first time used the term — were in force. Meanwhile more Israelis are getting used to the idea that separation from the territories is inevitable.

Yet there is no immediate scheme to replace the low-paid Palestinian workers, still essential for Israel's building industry, agriculture and services. Nor is there alternative employment for these workers in the territories. Unless a concerted effort can now be made to solve both problems, the success of the temporary closure can hardly be lasting.

Even if a much larger majority of Israelis could now be made to support an active policy of separation, the process will be complicated, very difficult politically and economically and, above all, lengthy. But such a solution is overdue.

It is a race against time for the peace process. The clock could stop ticking if one side prefers the present familiar difficulties to the risky adventure of painful concessions. The forces on both sides opposed to a breakthrough will become more active if progress begins to look more real.

These will be the themes of the next months, if what Clinton, Rabin and Mubarak called The Year of Peace is to have meaning. The ordinary Israeli is as skeptical as these times have made him. His government must convince him that it means what it says when it describes the peace process as the only possible option. It can deliver what it does not exactly define, but asks his support.

At the same time — and more than ever since 1967 — Israelis and Palestinians are finding the escalating costs of their unsettled co-existence increasingly unbearable. These are first steps to sanity.

A resumed peace-process will now take place in a climate of urgency and can either move forward at an accelerated pace, or blow up with a loud bang. The chances for either to happen are quite balanced and the outcome will be determined by the willingness of the parties to negotiate seriously; as well as by their ability to handle their internal fronts.

The Palestinians, though satisfied with the impact of the intifada on Israel, are unhappy with the excesses that have increased repression, disrupted their society and undermined the authority of their negotiating team. Their choices are even fewer than those of the Israeli side.

The deportation of the Hamas activists may have been a tactical mistake on Israel's part, but the reaction of the PLO leadership in Tunis was a major blunder from the Palestinian point of view.

The cause of the Palestinians was internationally damaged by the solidarity of their leadership with Hamas, at a time when the activities of Islamic fundamentalism are mobilizing worldwide reaction.

In Israel, the recent wave of terrorism has increased the silent support for the peace process, but also helped deepen existing public distrust in the reliability of any settlement with the Arabs.

The most vociferous opposition comes from the extremists amongst the Jewish settlers in the territories, who would be directly affected by any territorial change. But the tone of their protest is changing. The ideological devotion to the cause of 'Greater Israel' is giving way to slogans related to Israel's security.

These slogans blame Rabin and his government for endangering the country's security by not adopting sterner measures against Arab terrorism. But beyond their emotional content, the messages are empty and not very effective.

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Excellent weather and separation from the territories have given Israelis a pleasant, almost flawless, Pesach season. Undivided Jerusalem, a mosaic of peoples and religions, could hardly contain the masses of tourists and pilgrims of all denominations. Coming after a sad month of terror and repression, this remission contained a strong message to reflect upon, as the country now enters its 46th year of independence.

There's more than just one side to Israel

By CARL ALPERT

No matter how carefully you may follow the news from Israel, you probably did not read about the following, presenting another side of the country.

Millions More Behind Them. A member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences on a visit to Israel, reported that 2,000 Chinese have requested information about Jews and Israel. Many of them are interested in the possibility of aliyah. The press reports that a Jewish Agency emissary may be sent to China.

The First Pushke. "Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the House of the Lord; and the priests that kept the threshhold put therein all the money that was brought into the House of the Lord. And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put it up in bags and counted the money . . ." Kings II, 12, 10-11.

How to Keep Both Feet on Israel Ground when Overseas. What do the bathrooms in the Hilton and Treasure Island Hotels in Las Vegas have in common with the Japanese chain of Nikko Hotels? The unique floor and wall tiles, made of natural quartz, were furnished by the Sdot Yam Caesarea Cement Products Company, according to *Israel Business Today*.

Nothing Goes to Waste. Interpharm, a manufacturer of biological pharmaceuticals, specializes in producing interferon: antibodies which strengthen cells' resistance to viral infections, and are used to combat diseases such as breast cancer, herpes, hepatitis and leukemia. An important source of the interferon are cells from the foreskins of circumcised babies.

The Omnipresent Chinese Again. A scholar has determined that mysterious and hitherto unrecognizable markings on some of the Dead Sea Scrolls are Chinese symbols meaning "God, divine king, deceased king, emperor" and also "sun, corpse" etc.

The Source of Your Chicken Soup? Israel's poultry growers sell about $100 million worth of frozen chickens to the United States each year.

There's Life in Those Dry Bones. A new controversy rages around the human bones found in the Jerusalem Mamilla area. The Antiquities Authority determined they are bones of Christians, and is planning to hand them over to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate for burial. Israel's Ministry of Religions claims they are Jewish bones, and wants custody of them. Page Ezekiel.

Who says the Police Have no Heart? Kiryat Shmoneh police apprehended a young man for breaking and entering. He confessed, but added that his arrest took place on his birthday. He told a hard luck story of his life and commented that he had never had a birthday party. The police ordered cakes and drinks and held a party in his cell.

Look on the Bright Side. It's lucky Israel occupies Gaza, the Golan and Judea and Samaria, says a commentator. Otherwise, Rabin would now be negotiating regarding the future of Jaffa, Lydda and Nahariya.

Was He a Professional? Rosh Hashanah services at a Netanya synagogue faced a crisis when the Ark of the Law could not be opened, and the Torah scrolls could not be taken out to read. The safety lock had snapped automatically, and defied all blandishments. After some delay, one of the worshippers came forward, applied his skill, and smoothly opened the sliding doors. He then vanished into the crowd again.

Liberal, Generous-hearted Income Tax. Israel income tax authorities recognize per diem expenses incurred in the course of business as tax deductible. Receipts must be presented, and the maximum expense rate is as follows at the present rate of exchange: Breakfast, 35 cents; lunch, $1.40; supper, 70 cents. Coffee and cake offered to a prospective customer on business premises are a deductible expense but no more than $2.85 per person.

The China Syndrome Again. A Chinese government owned corporation is planning to set up a chain of restaurants in Israel, to be known as China Town. The project will include gift shops which will sell items imported from China. Decorations and accessories will all be authentically Chinese. The company says it hopes to create an atmosphere similar to that of San Francisco's Chinatown.

Russia gets its first-ever chief rabbi

By ALEXANDER LESSER

For the first time in its history, Russia has a chief rabbi. But it is not yet clear what significance the new post will have for a Jewish community that is overwhelmingly secular and for a Russian government that no longer attempts to exercise control over religious communities.

Rabbi Adolf Shayevitch, 56, the longtime religious leader of Moscow's Choral Synagogue and the former government-appointed chief rabbi of the Soviet Union, was elected Russian chief rabbi in late February by the Association of Jewish Religious Communities in Russia.

His chief rival for the post, 29-year-old Swiss-born Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, was elected deputy chief rabbi and named chief rabbi of Moscow.

Goldschmidt's candidacy had been championed by some rabbis and Jewish groups outside Russia. Educated in the United States and Israel, Goldschmidt, who has headed the Choral Synagogue's Beth Din (religious court) for the past two years, is thought of as more scholarly than Shayevitch, who was born in the eastern Siberian town of Khabarovsk and trained as a rabbi in Budapest.

But Goldschmidt is also regarded as an "outsider" who is tied to fervently Orthodox circles. The attempt to elect him chief rabbi of Russia was seen by some as a move to impose Judaism from abroad on the community here.

"The whole idea of electing a chief rabbi was conceived by foreign rabbis who thought they could install their man. In the end, they compromised to enable the status quo to be preserved," said a top secular Russian Jewish activist who requested anonymity.

"We cannot and should not choose the leadership of Russian Jewry," said Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, a longtime supporter of Shayevitch who flew to Moscow for the election. "We're there to help, but not to rule," he said.

Schneier was by no means the only foreigner to come to Moscow for the election, which was actually held aboard a cruise ship. Also present were rabbis from Israel and representatives of such organizations as the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

But the event aroused little attention in the Russian press or among Russia's overwhelmingly secular Jewish population, estimated at about 1 million.

That is because the Association of Jewish Religious Communities represents only a small fraction of Russian Jews. Shayevitch himself admitted that many of the association's 32 member communities have difficulty attracting a minyan, or quorum of 10, on Shabbat.

Moreover, not all of the religious groups active in Russia participated in the election. The Lubavitcher Chassidism, active in many Russian cities, did not participate, nor did the Reform branch of Judaism, which now has activities in nearly 20 communities throughout Russia.

The chief rabbi is also not expected to wield the kind of power that he might have under the former Soviet Communist government.

Under Communist rule, the Council on Religious Affairs of the Soviet Council of Ministers oversaw all religious activity, but that body ceased when the Soviet Union broke up in December 1991.

The Russian government now has "no control over any religious organization," said Igor Khamanev, who serves on the Russian parliament's Committee on Freedom of Conscience and Religion.

The situation in Russia differs in a number of respects from that in other ex-Soviet republics with significant Jewish populations.

In Ukraine and Belarus, for example, the Communist-era Council on Religious Affairs still exists at the Cabinet level, although the ideological function of controlling religion has disappeared.

Officials at those councils contacted by telephone from Moscow confirmed that the governments of Ukraine and Belarus do recognize chief rabbis elected by their Jewish communities.

In Ukraine, the situation is unclear. A Ukrainian official said his government recognizes Rabbi Noyakh Dubinsky, head of the Kiev Jewish religious community, as the country's chief rabbi.

But Rabbi Dubinsky told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that a Lubavitcher, Rabbi Dov Karasik, had been elected chief rabbi at the end of 1991. Yet another rabbi, the American-born Yaakov Bleich, has played a leading role at Kiev's main synagogue for more than two years.

In Belarus, a government official, Terenty Kupcheniya, said Rabbi Yitzchok Wolpin had been elected chief rabbi of the country in January. Wolpin is a 25-year-old native of Monsey, N.Y.

Shayevich estimated that there are only "five or six" Russian rabbis in all of Russia.

Said a secular activist: "All the rabbis here are imported." **-JTA**

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Israel's independence

In times past when Europe was in the kind of ethnic turmoil which produces insensate hatred — the results of which can be seen in the former Yugoslavia and several emerging states in the former Soviet Union — Jews traditionally found themselves persecuted and victimized.

When the Nazis attempted, in the 1930s, to effect an ethnic cleansing of Jews by offering emigration possibilities, the Western "half-democracies," as Emil Fackenheim put it eloquently, did virtually nothing to assist German and European Jews as the swastika tightened its arms around them. The result was the annihilation of European Jewry.

In 1948 the Jewish people in Israel and their supporters worldwide decided that they would no longer be dependent on the good will of other countries. Powerlessness had doomed European Jewry and the empowerment of the Jewish people through the creation of the State of Israel meant, among other things, that Jewish dependence on a hostile world had come to an end.

As David A. Harris, the executive vice president of The American Jewish Committee, has noted, the situation in the 1990s, thanks to the existence of Israel, is quite different.

The fact of Israel's presence as an independent political entity now "must enter the calculations of the regimes where Jews are vulnerable . . . Unlike their predecessors of 50 years ago, who stood to lose nothing by feeding popular prejudices, today's European leaders must factor the reaction of a Jewish State into their calculations."

The fact of Israel's existence, moreover, has had a palpable effect on those Jews today who find themselves caught in the maelstrom of ethnic hatreds. As Harris observes, Jews in Ethiopia, Tajikstan, Georgia, Moldova and Yugoslavia have, through the cooperation of Israeli intermediaries, been able to escape a volatile situation in their own countries and find respite and dignity in Israel.

It is said that the greatest mitzvah a Jew can perform is to save a human life: the State of Israel is the embodiment of that mitzvah and in the 45th year since its independence, the State continues its ennobling mission.

Science from Israel

Increasingly, the word issuing forth from Jerusalem these days has a scientific accent. Indeed, the progress of Israel's electronic and computer industries and research facilities is remarkable, especially in the light of the country's constant political and social perturbations.

Link, a publication devoted to Israel's science and technology sector, reports in its March-April issue a half a dozen scientific discoveries and innovations which Israeli manufacturers are currently introducing to the market.

They include Comlite BV's luminescent substance that can be cut like paper and used as an energy-saving lighting device on a clipboard, plaque or street sign; DSP Industries' microchip which translates voice patterns and words into electronic commands and, Eshed Robotec's 2 kilogram robot with a unique five-jointed mechanical arm that can perform precise assembly operations.

Novolect Industries in Israel has produced a series of safe sockets which will cut off power if a deviation occurs in your circuitry and thus prevent electric shocks while Savin Electronics now offers an Uninterrupted Power Supply module that will interface with the complex electronic features now found in the modern office.

Perhaps the most exciting development is Scan Group's new Colour Scanner SG-906-C which incorporates the latest in computer technology to detect and reproduce different shades of color variations. Especially useful in maps and weather predictions. The new scanner can be recalibrated at any time and is adaptable "to any user's need."

Israel has been in the vanguard of science and technology since its birth in 1948. Its record of accomplishments in this sphere is admirable especially in the view of the dislocations the state has had to endure for five decades. Under conditions of peace, that record will be even more embellished.

Quotable quotes

'Through the darkest hours of its tragic history, Israel has kept burning the undying fire of its inextinguishable hope for the world.'

Prof. Edwin Baldwin, 1923

Independence Day message

The following is an Independence Day message from Dror Zeigerman, consul general of Israel:

Forty-five years ago the State of Israel was created as a Jewish homeland, fulfilling the Zionist dream of gathering the Jewish people in Eretz Israel. In the 45 years of her existence, the State of Israel has seen her population grow from a half million to over four million Jews today.

The gates of Israel were opened to allow people oppressed in countries around the world the chance to emigrate to Israel. To welcome people from Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Arab countries became the main struggle of our country. These immigrants have become part of Israeli society as cultural, political and economic leaders. We are proud of their accomplishments as they contribute so much to Israel society.

The latest influx of immigrants has come from Russia. In the last three years alone we have received 400,000 people. To welcome and settle these people is the present challenge of our government, as it will be for many years to come.

Dror Zeigerman

In order to successfully absorb these people we need the support of the world Jewish community. This support will have to be political, financial and personal. Aliyah forms the essence of our existence and we must encourage aliyah from the West. If we succeed in absorbing these people, Israel will flourish. Successful absorption will open the way for economic independence.

In order for the Zionist dream to be realized we must achieve peace with our Arab neighbors. I believe that in the coming year another Arab country will join with Egypt and sign a peace treaty with Israel.

Only if we succeed with peace and absorption will we achieve the dream, and a quality of life befitting a great nation.

We see the Jewish community throughout the world, including Canadian Jews, as partners in this exciting progress. Israel shares strong ties with the Diaspora, and Jews always have a home in Israel.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THE UIA MANDATE

Contrary to information contained in your coverage of UIA's annual Campaign Leadership Conference (*CJN*, April 8), UIA is not "taking a new approach to fundraising this year, asking for investments instead of donations ..."

While investment in Israel is certainly worthy of encouragement, it is only the dollars raised through contributions to UJA/CJA/UIA Operation Exodus campaigns (and regular campaigns) that have helped bring 500,000 Jews from the CIS and Eastern Europe to a new life in Israel since 1990. In fact, the entire funding for the historic rescue and resettlement of what may turn out to be a million or more Jews has been funded, and will continue to be funded, only through donations to local UJA CJA/UIA campaigns. No other Jewish organization bears this responsibility.

Indeed, as was explained at the conference, donations to Israel in support of this unprecedented aliyah are a vital investment in the future of Israel and the entire Jewish people. Perhaps this is what led to your reporter's error.

It also should be pointed out that UIA does not "help to provide, in Toronto, financial assistance to the Jewish poor, hot hosher meals for seniors, monitoring of neo-Nazi activity and a Jewish distress line." While the above mentioned activities are certainly worthy of support, UIA Canada's mandate requires it to confine its work to activities benefiting the people of Israel. Services to Toronto's Jewish community referred to above are provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto through funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Gerald Halbert
President
United Israel Appeal of Canada

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JEWS IN QUEBEC

Re: Esther Delisle interview — April 1.

I am a former Quebecer/Montrealer who came to Ottawa with his family in 1961, not to escape French nationalism, but merely to take a job here. I find it truly refreshing to discover someone like Esther Delisle.

However there is one important question affecting Quebec Jewry that is not properly caught either by your interviewer or by Delisle. She quotes the perennial question by the nationalists: "they [the Jews] don't want to assimilate." She says this is hilarious because of the high rate of intermarriage.

I find it ridiculous, because here we have one minority who is struggling like mad to avoid assimilation, and they consider it a major offence because another, much smaller minority, one which realistically can never be a threat to them, does exactly the same thing (or at least some of them do), and much more quietly, without trying to impose their ideas on anyone else. Is this democracy and tolerance?

Isadore (Yitzhak) Kalin
Ottawa

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PEOPLE BEHIND GENESIS

I want to thank you for your helpful article, Montreal Project Goes to Israel (*CJN*, March 11) regarding the implementation of Genesis in Israel.

While the article clearly articulated the social change goals and vision of Genesis in Israel, it gives me more credit than I deserve for this and not enough for the people who are primarily responsible for its implementation in Israel. These persons form executive committees in each city.

In Jerusalem, its members are Avner Amiel, recipient of Israel's Henrietta Szold award for lifelong distinguished leadership in social work; Michael Attlan, member of the law faculty of the Hebrew University; Louis Goldberg, Avrum Levi Gitit Gilran who represent the Jerusalem's municipality community organizing services; Sari Revkin, who is the executive director of SHATIL, the technical resource group of the New Israel Fund; and prominent activist and founder of Israel's Women's Network — Alice Shalvi.

In Beersheba, the executive committee members are Professors Jonatan Anson, Julie Cwiekel, Benny Gidron, and Merav Moshe of the Ben Gurion University Department of Social Work; Avishag Abtubi and Rahel Levi of the Beersheba Municipality; Carlos Shtiglitz, supervisor of SHATIL; Helene Romani of the Jewish Agency; and Amnon Shinar, executive director of UIA Canada. Eight third year Ben Gurion Social Work students are currently spending three days a week knocking on doors in Beersheba.

It is these people who facilitate the development of two organizations — Genesis in Jerusalem and Genesis in Beersheba and these will be directed by residents and volunteers from each city.

Jim Torczyner
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Montreal

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LET'S OPEN OUR ARMS

The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina continues to degenerate. The insiduous practice of expulsion and the senseless and brutal genocide of people based on their race and religion must stop.

Canada, as well as the international community has been very slow to move in the face of this genocide, this abominable, deliberate ethnic cleansing. Last July, Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Employment and Immigration, declared that 10,000 refugees would be processed under relaxed criteria. So far only slightly more than 1,000 people have arrived due to stipulations that are nearly impossible to meet.

Refugees are required to prove that they have family in Canada. This is not so easy when your only presonal belongings are the clothes on your back. Furthermore, because processing is done in Zagreb and most Muslims have no access to that city, it is causing difficulty.

Improved terms and conditions are needed. As well, let us consider the example of Israel which is settling refugee families on an interim basis until peace is restored.

As international citizenry, we should have learned from past massacres that it is our responsibility, but when it occurs we must act expeditiously and with human compassion.

Sheila Finestone
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Opinion

New anti-Semitic attacks call for new strategies

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

From time to time the Anti-Defamation League in the United States publishes international reports. The latest, authored by Robert Goldman, is called *Anti-Semitism in Western Europe*, and contains a large amount of information from which the following has been excerpted.

France

The public focus of prejudice against Jews is the Front National (FN), led by Jean-Marie LePen. In the last national elections FN received 14 percent of the vote, and in some southern cities like Marseilles and Nice it went beyond 22 percent.

LePen himself says that he is not anti-Semitic, but rather, that his view of Jews is influenced by his whole view of true French identity and the psychological and physical disturbances which "strangers" have wrought in the country. Therefore he speaks constantly about putting an end to immigration; pressing or even forcing the newcomers (even though they may be legal residents or even citizens of France) to adopt French customs. "eat like the French, think like the French and above all speak French without an accent." His view is perhaps best articulated in his pronouncement: "It is not nice to ride across our country's highways and have one's view marred by the cupolas of mosques."

Anti-Semitism surfaces in FN's publications where the purported enemies of France most frequently have Jewish names. LePen's own revisionist thinking is characterized by two of his most infamous remarks: one, that the gas ovens were "a detail" of World War II; and the other, when he referred to one of the French cabinet ministers, a man by the name of Durafour, as "Monsieur Crematoire" (an obscene word play, because "four," the second part of Durafour's name, is the French term for oven).

Rabbi Plaut

The French did not take LePen lightly, but as the elections showed, there are strong forces in place to check his expansion. He received a lot of votes in the first round and was shut out completely in the run-off — causing great relief amongst Jews and millions of non-Jews in and outside France.

Austria

When Kurt Waldheim became president of Austria in 1986, he created a lot of anger in the country, but observers believe that even though his term is finished the future is not promising. A new right-wing politician called Joerg Haider has attracted a large following and is an open admirer of Adolf Hitler's policies. To be sure, he does not include the Holocaust in his admiration, but the Hitler image clings to him and to his followers.

Says Goldman: "Austria is saddled with this large segment of xenophobic, nostalgic, and anti-Semitic people, and the countervailing forces are weak. Nothing could help Austria more than a movement for the renewal and rejuvenation of the democratic system and its institutions. Little points to that."

Great Britain

Anti-Semitism is at a very low ebb in the country and extreme right wing parties are small in membership. Amongst them, the British National Party has no more than 2,000 members. Goldman's conclusion: "Anti-Zionism on the far left and Britain's growing Muslim community represents a more significant problem. As in the United States, it is particularly evident and aggressive on college campuses."

Italy

There are some small right wing parties and some of them articulate anti-Semitic slogans. But small though they are they have found resonance amongst a disillusioned Italian public. A recent opinion poll showed this: While only 10 percent or fewer thought that "Jews should leave Italy," 33 percent felt that Italy's 35,000 Jews were "not really Italian;" and more than 50 percent said that Jews had "a special relationship with money."

Spain

This is the one bright spot on the Western European horizon, with an almost total absence of anti-Semitism. The government and the country last year celebrated Sepharad '92, which featured the contribution of Jews to Spanish culture and to its spiritual and scientific development.

There is a small right wing group that tries to revive Francisco Franco's political heritage, but it seems to have found no viable response.

Conclusions

Goldman says: "Jews in Western Europe today are in no immediate danger of sustained, majority-supported discrimination or persecution. But they live in a climate of disillusionment and bitterness amongst significant segments of the population in three important countries: France, Austria and the newly free eastern part of Germany. In several other countries, too, the nationalist and anti-foreigner feeling that thrives on disillusionment is on the rise. The situation calls for new strategies, above all for partnership with agencies of government with responsibility for the safety and rights of all citizens, and with the many human rights groups with shared interests . . . Today's work against anti-Semitism cannot be successfully fought as if 1933 had come back. It is a different climate with a different array of both targets and allies, and strategy must be shaped accordingly."

Psychotherapist adapts to new life on kibbutz

By SHARON BALTMAN, M.D.

The time had come! My lease was up. I needed a break from being a downtown GP and psychotherapist. I had not been to Israel in a very long time, and my Jewish roots were calling me.

To my amazement, one year prior to the expected date of departure (EDD), my letter to Israel was warmly received. My plan to live on a kibbutz in Israel for a year, and work as an English-speaking psychotherapist was greeted with a famous Hebrew expression, ein ba'aya (no problem).

The only condition was that I would not be salaried, but would have to agree to work in a kibbutz in exchange for room and board for myself and my 11-year-old daughter. Ein Ba'aya. It was exactly what I wanted: an opportunity to decimate my minimal RRSP's.

My worst-case-scenario was that I would have to do general practice in Hebrew, rather than psychotherapy in English. I had already been forewarned that my attitude in Israel would be critical to the outcome; i.e., I had to be **flexible.**

My ba'aya began when I wrote for details a couple of months before the aforementioned EDD. By this point, I had, with great difficulty, done the following:

Rented out my house; given notice on my office; pulled my daughter out of school for a year; paid for a chartered flight to Israel; and most difficult of all, spent many hours discussing my impending derparture with long-term psychotherapy patients.

In the eleventh hour, the kibbutz that had originally accepted us, refused us, allegedly needing our flat for a group of archeologists. (You can see where Israeli priorities lie.) But, ein ba'aya, a kibbutz would be found.

One month porior to the EDD the word came — we had been accepted by another kibbutz, but I would be working in their nursing home, not in their clinic. Never having worked in psychogeriatrics, I started buying and reading psychogeriatric textbooks, with typical pre-exam fervor.

The next call further clarified that I would be working "stum" in the nursing home. Stum is another famous Hebrew expression which means "vague" or "indefinite," the implication being non-professional work. Would the fear of bedpans keep me away from Israel?

I decided to remain flexible and face the consequence, which turned out to mean cleaning tables and floors in the dining room. Even the stum work in the nursing home had vanished, apparently due to the fact that the woman who rules the nursing home empire, a non-professional, would have been threatened by having a Canadian doctor looking over her shoulder. So much for my assessment of worst-case scenario. The retrospectoscope still remains our most valuable tool.

So, although we have a lovely room with a private washroom, a fridge, and an air-conditioner (although no heater, because of the Israeli denial of winter) — a far better situation than I'd ever expected — it appears that on the kibbutz, the value of physical labor still exceeds that of professional skills.

Dr. Sharon Baltman with daughter Ariella enjoy a happy moment on the kibbutz.

One day a week, when I'm not cleaning cockroaches out of trolleys in the kitchen, I spend time with family physicians in the local teaching hospital. There, I am involved in teaching psychosocial issues to residents in family practice. This is quite a challenge and great fun.

My Hebrew comprehensive abilities exceed my expressive abilities, so although the sessions are in Hebrew, my contributions are in English, which the students have to understand because all their texts are in English. When I return to the kibbutz, I don my smelly workclothes and head for the dining hall.

The irony is, of course, that there are endless numbers of people on the kibbutz who approach me in the dining hall with their problems. Ever try doing psychotherapy standing over a bucket of hot porridge?

In spite of the underutilization of my professional skills, we are having a fascinating experience: learning the language, meeting the original founders of kibbutzim, living the life of a kibbutznik and smelling the country aromas, both the cowshed and the clean air.

Other job offers arose:

One involved the search and destruction of caterpillars on 200 acres of parsley and spinach.

— Another offer was the position of assistant manager of the dining hall. My refusal prompted the resignation of the current manager.

— Another proposal was to be the personal nurse maid of a kibbutz member who'd been blinded and confined to a wheelchair by an MVA. He is an angry young man from a dysfunctional family, who during his eight-month rehabilitation had refused psychological help.

While my search for interesting work continues, I have become very skilled at cleaning up after 1,500 people. I had previously been impressed by the international portability of a Canadian medical education, valid everywhere, except on the kibbutz.

At long last, I met with the kibbutz secretary, who understood my awkward position in the chadar ochel (dining room). To my surprise and delight, she agreed to let me pay for my room and board, not a huge sum of money in Canadian dollars. I was free! I was no longer bound to the dining room with its ensuing frustration and exhaustion.

Thus began my attempts to find remunerative work off the kibbutz, yet nearby, in order for my daughter to continue school there. Finding such work here is difficult because of the language problem. But more pertinent is the difference in the provision of psychotherapy services.

Psychiatrists do assessments and prescribe medication. The psychotherapy is done by psychologists and social workers, who are either paid privately (rarely), or by the Kupat Holim, the largest health care provider, currently in a terrible financial mess.

GPs have no time for psychotherapy. Thus, an English-speaking GP-psychotherapist with a temporary licence does not fit into the scheme. Even though she was told ein ba'aya.

In spite of all of the above, I am gradually being perceived as someone with valuable services to offer. But if I ask for a salary, they don't have any money. If I offer to work for my own education and interest, they wonder what's wrong with me. The Catch 22 continues . . .

What I had attempted to pre-arrange over a year ago is now in shambles. But I don't regret having come. The experience of a unique lifestyle in an exotic country is invaluable.

I only wish that time would pass more slowly, because I have a trunkload of books crying to be read and reams of papers waiting to be written.

And if all of the above adventures transpired in our first three months here, what's in store for us in the next nine?

Gulf of Eilat threatened

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Environmentalists in Israel, Egypt and Jordan are putting aside politics in their common concern to save the Gulf of Eilat, which is seriously threatened by pollution.

Last month, their discussions produced a book they hope will serve as a guide for their respective governments in formulating a regional environmental policy.

"This situation in the Gulf of Eilat is urgent, and cannot be solved unilaterally," said Aron Tal, an environmental lawyer and director of the Israel Union for Environmental Defence.

Tal was in Montreal recently as part of an 11-city North American tour sponsored by the Israeli foreign ministry.

Tal and engineer Mahmoud Hushman, head of the Saudi-Jordanian Environmental Organization, were among the chief architects of the publication.

The gulf is the site of a major coral reef, once home to more than 1,000 species of fish. In the last eight years, dozens of species have disappeared and a third of the reef destroyed by oil spills, tourism and sewage dumping.

Organic waste has caused algae to proliferate, thus depleting oxygen in the water, and tourists have a bad habit of taking home a piece of coral as a souvenir. Shipping represents an ever-present danger of oil leakage.

Features

Wellspring of U.S. racism runs deep

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Racism, that ugly blot on humanity, is on the upswing in the United States. In a country as ethnically and racially diverse as the United States, this should come as no surprise. The wellsprings of American racism run deep, although the virulence of its acolytes never ceases to amaze.

Historically, the United States has been a haven for the oppressed and persecuted. By the same token, America has spawned a panoply of homegrown racists who, if they were left to their own devices, would usher in a totalitarian reign of fascism.

From the Know-Nothings in the 19th century to the Ku Klux Klan in this century, the trail of American racism stretches back some distance. James Ridgeway's illustrated compendium of this bloody-minded phenomenon, *Blood in the Face* (Thunder's Mouth Press, $18.95 U.S.), is a rogue's gallery of the racists, past and particularly present, who've abused the sacrosanct right of free speech to disseminate their disgusting propaganda.

Ridgeway argues that the theoretical underpinnings of today's racist movement in the United States originated during the French Revolution with the creation of the myth of an "international Jewish conspiracy." Working its way through Europe, it was popularized by the Klu Klux Klan — which peaked in the 1920s — and by automobile tycoon Henry Ford. More recently, this insidious myth has melded with a cockeyed theory known as Christian Identity, which holds that the Anglo-Saxons were the Lost Tribe of Israel and that Jews, blacks and other people of color are genetically and culturally inferior and must be eliminated or banished.

According to Ridgeway, the origin of contemporary radical right-wing movements can be traced back to the rantings of Ford, who circulated the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (an exposed Czarist forgery) and who published a racist rag called the *Dearborn Independent*.

The *Independent*, which was compulsory reading in Ford agencies and dealerships, claimed that Jews controlled finance, sponsored revolution and exercised power "everywhere." This, in essence, was the nub of Ford's "international Jewish conspiracy."

Ford repackaged the *Independent's* series of articles as a book entitled *The International Jew*. Translated into 16 languages, it became a staple of Nazi propaganda. Yet *The International Jew* raised the hackles of many Americans, and in 1927 Ford backtracked. Denying responsibility for the newspaper articles and the book, he disengenuously claimed that he had been deceived by trusted associates. He closed the *Dearborn Independent* and sought to take *The International Jew* out of circulation. Nevertheless, *The International Jew* continues to be sold, right to this day.

Another seminal figure in the pantheon of American racism was Gerald L.K. Smith who, Ridgeway notes, provided the link between pre-World War II far-right groups and current organizations like the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations and Posse Comitatus.

Beginning as a mainstream Protestant minister, and influenced by progressive and populist political movements, Smith was a national organizer for then Louisiana Senator Huey Long's Share Our Wealth campaign. After Long's assassination in 1935, Smith set off on an increasingly racialist crusade.

A gifted promotor, speaker and fundraiser, Smith ran for the U.S. Senate, and lost. He was a strong isolationist, believed that Hitler was misunderstood. He claimed it was preposterous that six million Jews had been murdered in the Holocaust.

Being paranoic and prone to flights of fancy, Smith maintained that President Franklin Roosevelt, was " a Jew in disguise" and that President Dwight Eisenhower was a "Swedish Jew." In the 1960s, Smith supported the presidential campaigns of George Wallace and Barry Goldwater. Later, he grudgingly conceded that Henry Kissinger, "although a Jew, is one of the greatest diplomats that ever lived." Smith died in 1976.

Ridgeway gives George Lincoln Rockwell, the American Nazi party leader, his due. After World War II, Nazism was an alien element of the lunatic right. Due to Rockwell's influence, it became something of a force by the early 1960s.

Rockwell, he suggests, was a master of public relations. He picketed screenings of the film *Exodus* with a placard that read, America for Whites and Gas Chamber for Traitors. He toured the Southern states in a bus which was emblazoned with a sign saying, We hate Jew Communism. Rockwell exploited to the hilt the First Amendment guaranteeing free speech. After his 1967 assassination at the hands of a disgruntled follower, the Nazi movement fragmented into various factions.

Ridgeway describes Willis Carto — the founder of the Liberty Lobby and the Populist party — as "one of the most enduring, if mysterious, figures" of the contemporary far-right movement. Seldom photograped and rarely interviewed, Carto publishes the *Spotlight*, a weekly tabloid which heralded the emergence of David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan kleagle who unsuccessfully contested the 1991 gubernatorial race in Louisiana.

In addition to Carto, the key, identifiable figures of the radical right today are, among others, Richard Butler of Aryan Nations, Wesley Swift of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, Tom Metzger of the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), William Pierce of the National Alliance and author of the cultist *Turner Diaries*, and Jim Wickstrom of the Posse Comitatus.

These rabble-rousers subscribe to a hodgepodge theology called Christian Identity, which arose in Britain in the mid-19th century. According to its twisted tenets, white Christians are the true "Israelites" and therefore God's chosen people, while Jews are the children of Satan. Blacks are considered "mud people."

It's a loathsome and stark-raving crazy creed. But it needs to be monitored closely. These are dangerous people and they mean business.

Richard Butler of Aryan Nations.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In memoriam...

Joseph Rauh Jr. was one of America's foremost civil liberties lawyers, having been instrumental in the passage of much of the civil rights legislation of the 1960s. Among his clients were the renowned playwrights Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller. In 1947, he helped establish Americans for Democratic Action, a lobby group espousing liberal causes.

David Bazelon was one of the most influential judges in the United States. As head of the federal appeals court from 1962 to 1978, he broke new ground in law. In 1973, he ruled that President Richard Nixon was required to hand over tape recordings sought by the Watergate grand jury. In 1963, in a case involving the Communist party, he wrote that no one can be forced to declare an association with an organization that has been labelled criminal.

Max Lerner was a syndicated newspaper columnist for the *New York Post* who was a dogged advocate of the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to immigrate to Israel. Born in Minsk, he was brought to the United States in 1907. After teaching political science at Harvard, he edited *The Nation* magazine briefly. He joined the *New York Post* in 1949, and was known for his staunchly liberal views.

William Shawn edited *The New Yorker* from 1952 to 1987. By publishing such writers as J.D. Salinger, Truman Capote, James Baldwin, Rachel Carson and Hannah Arendt, Shawn exerted a tremendous influence over millions of Americans.

Steven Ross built a media empire — Time Warner Inc. — whose acquisitions included *Time*, the Warner Brothers movie studio, Atlantic records, DC Comics and the Home Box Office cable television network. A self-educated man, Ross believed that "basic common sense" and "faith in people" accounted for his success.

Footprints in the sand...

Victor Louis was a top-flight Soviet journalist whose sources in the Kremlin were impeccable. A contributor to various western newspapers, Louis acted as a go-between for the Soviet government in its dealings with Israel when diplomatic relations were broken after the 1967 Six Day War.

Ralph Manheim was an inventive English translator of major German and French works. In a career spanning almost 50 years, he translated novels by such luminaries as Gunter Grass and Marcel Proust. In 1953, he produced the first English edition of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. In praise of Manheim's translation, a reviewer wrote: "Here, for the first time, you get Hitler's prose almost as unreadable in English as it is in German."

Elie Kedourie was an authority on the Middle East, a professor at the London School of Economics whose books included *Democracy and Arab Political Culture* and *Politics in the Middle East*.

Harvey Kurtzman and **Joseph Shuster** were pre-eminent cartoonists. Shuster, a Canadian, was the co-creator of Superman. Kurtzman founded the inimitable *Mad* magazine and was the creative force behind its mascot, Alfred E. Newman.

Mark Goodson devised and produced dozens of TV game shows, notably *What's My Line?*, *To Tell the Truth*, *The Price is Right*, *I've Got a Secret* and *Family Feud*.

Stella Adler was the leading exponent of Method acting, whose acolytes include Marlon Brandon, Warren Beatty and Robert De Niro. "Your talent is your imagination," she often said. Her Russian immigrant parents, Jacob and Sarah, led the Independent Yiddish Art Company.

Alexander Schneider and **Nathan Milstein** were violin virtuosos. Schneider, born in Lithuania, played with the Budapest Quartet and the New York String Orchestra. He collaborated with the great musicians of the century, among them Arthur Schnabel and Artur Rubinstein. Milstein, a Russian Jew, acquired his dazzling technique at the tender age of seven, and was widely considered one of the world's finest violinists.

Sammny Cahan's songs, running the gamut from *Three Coins in a Fountain* to *Day by Day*, made him a legend in his own time. He was closely associated with Frank Sinatra.

Fastest-growing area in Florida

By BOAZ DVIR

The areas of Boca Raton and Delray Beach in Florida have increased their Jewish population by nearly 50 percent over the last four years, spearheading a trend that makes Palm Beach County the fastest-growing Jewish area in America, says a local demographic expert.

According to a recently-completed study by Ira Sheskin of the University of Miami, the Jewish population in those south Palm Beach areas increased to 116,000 in 1992 from 80,000 in 1988.

In North Palm Beach, the Jewish population grew to 93,200 from 81,400 over the same period, Sheskin said.

"This has to be the fastest growing Jewish community in the country," the geography professor claimed.

The study, commissioned by an unidentifed private group, revealed that about 21 percent of the Palm Beach County population is Jewish, up from 14 percent in 1988, the author said.

The significance of that is likely to be demonstrated during various elections, Sheskin said, noting that Jews tend to register and vote out of proportion to their numbers.

"Since the Jewish age distribution is higher, I wouldn't be surprised if a third of the voters in Palm Beach are Jewish," he said.

Overall, the Palm Beach County Jewish population of 209,000 has more than doubled since 1980, when it totaled 91,600, and has grown twentyfold since 1970, when it totaled 9,800.

Most of the new residents, Sheskin asserted, likely moved here from out of state. But many others formerly made their homes in Dade and Broward counties, he added. Hurricane Andrew probably escalated the move.

Sheskin's method was to count 36 common Jewish-sounding names in the phone book. "I know some of these [people behind the names] are not Jewish," he said, "but this method is actually relatively accurate."

Using this method, he found 13,000 households with common Jewish names in the 1992 phone book — 30 percent more than 1988.

"This should give you some idea of the massive increase," he said.

As a result of this increase, he said, the local Jewish community is now twice as visible as the one in Dade, where it makes up only 10 percent of the general population.

At the same time, however, it is also less rooted in the environment, since only eight percent of local Jews have lived here for more than 20 years, as compared with 50 percent in Dade.

Therefore, the Dade Jewish population, which has about the same number of Jews as Palm Beach, remains more of a "high profile" community, Sheskin said.

(Miami Jewish Tribune)

World

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This coming Monday, Iyar 5, 5773, we shall be celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. Unfortunately, too many secular Jews accuse all Orthodox Jews of being anti-Israel, anti-Zionist or anti something similar. I wish to go on record and state that thrice daily I pray for the welfare of Israel and Zion — more than what most secular Jews do — and I support a host of Jewish causes in our holy land. I pray therefore that the sentiments which I share in the confines of this brief article will be taken in the constructive and positive spirit that they are given.

The very first and perhaps the most famous comment of Rashi to our Torah states: "Rabbi Yitzchak said, the Torah should have begun with the first commandment, why did it start with breishis, in the beginning (God created etc..)? God wanted to inform His nation of His deeds and to give them their due inheritance. When the nations come and accuse Israel of stealing their land they respond that all of the world belongs to God; He created it and gave it to whomever it pleased Him. He gave it to them according to His will; and according to His will He took it from them and gave it to us."

We all remember the famous Torah passage when the Almighty cursed the snake: "...cursed are you more than all other animals; on your belly you shall eat earth all your life." Asks one of the commentators, "What is the curse when someone has his food and sustenance easily available to him for his entire life?" And he answers, "When someone or something is so independent of God that he doesn't require His attention or help, that is the greatest of all curses. For it means that the Almighty has cast him off, has severed any connection with Himself, the source of life and blessing."

Our Torah says about the land of Israel: "It is a land which Hashem your God supervises; the eyes of Hashem your God are constantly upon it from the beginning of the year until the end of the year." (Devarim 11:12).

The dictionary I am using as I write, defines independence as follows: Not depending on authority; Not depending on something else for its validity; Not depending on others for one's opinion or conduct.

If we celebrate Israeli independence within the context of any of the above definitions; if it means that many of its inhabitants and many of world Jewry wish Israel to be a secular land "like all other nations," casting off divine authority, not dependent on the Almighty for its validity, not caring about God's opinion — His Torah and Laws — nor shaping their conduct according to His Laws — then there is hardly cause to celebrate. For as much as we must and should honor the heroism of the martyred dead and all of those living who gave and give their lives defending and sustaining our holy land; as much as we must pray for their welfare we must never forget that: "Hashem is our Master of war, Hashem gave us the land of Israel and ensures that It shall remain with us."

We must never forget that we *are* dependent on Him and that so being is our greatest blessing. Thus it is with a twinge of sadness that Torah Jews reflect upon the fact that so many other nations can include God in their national anthems, but the founding fathers of the state of Israel saw fit to choose for the people of God, an anthem, the *Hatikāva*, that has no mention of God in it? America is proud to mint coins and bills with "In God we Trust" emblazoned for all to see. Should this not be the task and the mintage of the Am Hashem, the nation of God?

But you ask, "independence means independence, and that gives me the right to be even an *atheist* if I so desire?" That reminds me of the time when the wife of a famous atheist whose husband became deathly ill, came to an Orthodox rabbi to ask him to pray for her husband's recovery. "But why come to *me*," asked the Rabbi. "Firstly, you and your husband don't believe in God; secondly, why go to the extreme — an *orthodox* rabbi no less?" "Rabbi," responded the distressed wife, "*we* may be atheists, but we know that *God* is orthodox."

There is truly much to celebrate and much for which to give praise. The land of Israel and the nation of Israel are invincible as I explained in my recent Pesach article. We have witnessed and may we continue to witness unbelievable miracles. But the continued miracles, blessings and *independence* of both the land and the nation of Israel are intrinsically *dependent* on our ever-strengthening ties to the God and the Torah of Israel. "The Guardian of Israel and the Guardian of our nation will continue to guard the remnant of Israel and the remnant of our nation because of those who proclaim, Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." (Daily Siddur — tachanun).

May Israeli *Independence* Day be a day in which we shall rejoice more and more, as Israel becomes more and more *dependent* on the Guardian of Israel! So may it be, Amein.

Common-law wife wins in court

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In a precedent-setting decision, Israel's Supreme Court ruled last week that a common-law wife may legally adopt the name of her spouse.

The decision was viewed as significant because under Israeli law there are no civil marriages, only religious marriages.

The new decision overturns a past high court ruling that allowed the Interior Ministry to refuse to register a common-law wife under her husband's name.

In the decision, Justices Aharon Barak, Shoshana Netanyahu and Theodore Orr ruled that a common-law wife may take the name of her husband either alone or hyphenated with her own surname.

The petitioner, Dr. Michal Efrat, and her common-law husband, Professor Uzi Ornan, have a son and a daughter.

In May 1989, Efrat applied to the Interior Ministry to change her name to Ornan-Efrat, explaining that she wanted to bear the same name as her son.

However, the form required her to sign a declaration that "the request is not submitted out of a desire to receive the family name of the man bearing it."

She refused to make the declaration and her application was denied.

The ministry, a long-time fiefdom of the religious parties, also refused to register her son under the surname Ornan-Efrat but was later forced to do so after the couple won an earlier petition to the high court.

Arguing on behalf of the Interior Ministry, the State Attorney's Office said that the public had a vital interest in not having the distinction blurred between the status of a married and an unmarried woman.

The law allows the interior minister to reject an application for a change of name if such a change is likely to be misleading or disruptive of public order.

Justice Barak said in his ruling, "A person's name is part of his personality. It is part of his social 'I' and the key with which he walks the paths of society.

"It is not merely an identification code, but an expression of personality, feeling, commitment, tradition and destiny. A democratic society, believing in pluralism, respects and values the freedom to be named as one wants," Barak wrote.

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Sober, though hopeful mood grips Israel

Reporting from Jerusalem, Sheldon Kirshner assesses Israel's mood on the eve of its 45th anniversary.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JERUSALEM — For Israel, it is the best of times and the worst of times.

As Israelis prepare for Independence Day on April 26, they are in a sober, though hopeful, frame of mind.

Israel is a living, breathing reality, the sole working democracy in the Middle East, a strong, vibrant, dynamic nation whose standard of living is the envy of the region, the concrete embodiment of the spiritual yearning for Zion.

Israel's economy, though plagued by an 11 percent unemployment rate, experienced the fastest growth of any other industrialized country last year.

New immigrants, the raison d'etre of Zionism, are pouring in, albeit at a slower pace than two years ago.

Politically, Israel enjoys diplomatic relations with more countries than at any other time in its short-lived history.

And despite staggering difficulties, Israel and its immediate Arab neighbors, including the Palestinians, are engaged in a peace process that may yet yield tangible results and thereby enable Israel to exploit its heralded potential as a regional economic power.

Militarily, Israel has never been more secure. In the waning years of this century, Israel's qualitative edge over its chief enemies, Syria, Iraq and Iran, seems unassailable.

And yet Israelis feel troubled and vulnerable.

In the past few months, a wave of Palestinian terror has inundated Israel, claiming the lives of more than a dozen civilians and soldiers, both in the contested territories and in Israel itself.

Triggered by Israel's expulsion of some 400 Hamas activists last December, the stabbings and the shootings have petered out since the closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip earlier this month.

The violence, which was random and more often than not perpetrated by disaffected individuals acting out of nationalist and/or personal motivations, shocked and angered ordinary Israelis.

It touched a wide range of Israelis: •On Jan. 30, Arik Arfi, 31, a soldier, was killed while on reserve duty near Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip.

•On Feb. 15, Yehezkel Mizrahi, 35, was mortally stabbed in East Talpiot, a neighborhood in Jerusalem.

•On March 1, Natan Azaria, 28, and Gregory Avramov, 27, were stabbed to death on the crowded streets near Tel Aviv's dingy central bus station.

•On March 12, the bullet-ridden corpse of Jason (Yehoshua) Freidberg, a 24-year-old soldier originally from Montreal, was discovered on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

•On March 30, two Israeli policemen, Mordechai Yisrael and Daniel Hazut, were fatally shot as they sat in their vehicle near Hadera.

Since Israel's decision to seal off the territories, there has been only one murder of an Israeli by a Palestinian. But no one in Israel is under the illusion that the bloodshed has been ineradicably stamped out. Moshe Shahal, the police minister, has warned that "nobody can promise that there won't be attacks in the future."

He is right, of course. Terrorism is anything but a new phenomenon in Israel. It ravaged Israel before the Six Day War, and it took its bloody toll in the years following Israel's triumphant victory in 1967.

But its virulence has increased sharply since the outbreak of the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, in December 1987.

Close to 150 Israelis, and many more Palestinians, have been killed in the spiral of animus of the past six years. Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist group, as well as its secular rival, the PLO, have taken responsibility for some of the murders.

In several well-publicized cases, the murderers have been Palestinian workers from the territories. Until recently, about 120,000 Palestinians commuted daily to their jobs in Israel. Israeli farmers, building contractors, factory owners and restaurateurs are addicted to cheap Palestinian labor. Indeed, the well-being of Israel's economy is partially dependent on Palestinians, despite the influx of Asian and European workers.

But now, in the wake of the latest upsurge of stabbings and shootings, the Israeli government seems to have decided that enough is enough. As Health Minister Haim Ramon put it: "We are not going to return to this situation."

In the future, the number of Palestinians allowed into Israel will be curtailed, but no one envisages a complete and total separation. An exception has already been made for approximately 7,000 farm laborers, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week that greater numbers of Palestinians gradually will be permitted to return.

The government is painfully aware that a fresh round of violence could ensue if Palestinian breadwinners were permanently denied access to employment opportunities in Israel.

Besides, unemployed Israelis are not exactly lining up to replace Palestinians who've been frozen out of their jobs. What is more, the government is loath to bring in more workers from abroad.

The resultant dilemma heightens

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New immigrants in a caravan site in Beersheba. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

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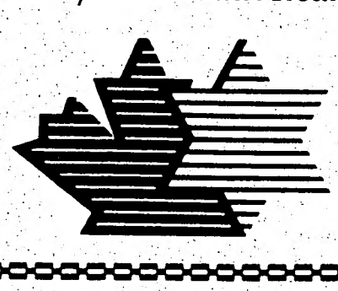

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the long-running, often strident debate over the status of the territories.

The policy of the current Israeli government is one of territorial compromise. Rabin's predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir of Likud, opposed this concept, and offered the Arabs "peace for peace."

Rejecting Shamir's formula as unrealistic and unattainable, the present government has banned the building of new "political" settlements in the territories and cancelled concessions which encouraged Israelis to buy homes there.

Several cabinet ministers, notably Health Minister Ramon and Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, have even suggested a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, with its harsh poverty and growing Islamic militancy. But Prime Minister Rabin is against this approach, saying that a withdrawal should be carried out within the framework of a formal peace agreement.

The Madrid peace process, which was launched in October 1991 under the auspices of the United States and the former Soviet Union, offers Israel an unprecedented chance to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict through peaceful means.

Israel has negotiated directly with Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and a Palestinian delegation under the overall direction of the PLO. Progress has been spotty, and breakdowns have been common, but the parties have reached a consensus that a peaceful resolution of the dispute is in everyone's long-range interest.

Israel seeks Arab recognition, a normalization of relations with the Arab world and, of course, secure borders.

Syria wants to regain the Golan Heights. Lebanon hopes the Israeli army will dismantle its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon. Jordan wants to settle the Palestinian question before it establishes relations with Israel. The goal of the Palestinians is self-determination, preferably an independent state consisting of the West Bank and Gaza.

It goes without saying that rejectionist elements, ranging from Hamas to Israeli hardliners, will resist a peace accord. But their time may have passed. Mainstream Israelis and Arabs, for all their differences and mutual suspicions, want to give peace a chance after four decades of rancor.

Yet, as Prime Minister Rabin indicated in a recent speech, Israel will remain continually vigilant. As he put it: "We shall fight terrorism as if there is no peace process, and pursue the peace process as if there is no terrorism."

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Israel, at 45, is an immensely powerful state which, theoretically, could withstand a combined Arab onslaught — which is extremely unlikely.

Egypt, which has formally been at peace with Israel since the 1979 treaty, has been effectively neutralized. Syria has lost its will to confront Israel since the demise of its main backer, the Soviet Union. Iraq is wounded and internationally isolated in the wake of the Gulf War. (Since Iraq's Scud attacks on Israeli cities,

Israel is secure

Israel and the United States have accelerated a joint program to develop the Arrow, an anti-missile missile.)

Libya is weak and remote. Iran, with its vehemently anti-Israel, Islamic fundamentalist regime, is a source of concern. However, Iran is not an immediate or existential threat.

Terrorism, though demoralizing, is not a real threat to the existence of the state. Everyone recognizes that neither Hamas in the territories, nor Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, can destroy or weaken Israel.

In diplomatic terms, Israel's star has never shone brighter.

With the disintegration of Communism in Eastern Europe and the downfall of the Soviet Union, Israel has forged new friendships and reinvigorated old ones.

Israel has established ties with China and India, which had boycotted Israel. Israel has embassies throughout Eastern Europe, the former Soviet republics, Russia and in much of black Africa.

Its relationship with Japan, the behemoth of Asia, has markedly improved since Japan's decision to upgrade its political and commercial ties with Israel.

Meanwhile, the Israeli economy, which has entered the computer age in full flight, is expanding. Israel's gross domestic product — the total value of goods and services produced in one year — rose by an impressive 6.4 percent in 1992. Exports are up by 11 percent, and production has risen by 22 percent.

Inflation is running at about 10 percent, but in the early 1980s it skyrocketed to unheard of heights.

Yaacov Frenkel, the governor of the Bank of Israel, believes that peace is the key to Israel's economic development, an assessment no one disputes.

In the interval, Israel has embarked on a job creation drive that is expected to reduce the high unemployment rate, especially among the 450,000 new immigrants who've made aliyah since 1989. Loan guarantees from the United States, valued at $10 billion, will undoubtedly contribute to these objectives.

Israel, in its fourth decade of existence, has become an insatiable consumer society. There is a sheen of prosperity in the land, although far too many Israelis still live below the poverty line. Two-car families are no longer rare. Israelis travel abroad regularly. The shops glitter with expensive appliances. Fresh fruits and vegetables are piled high in markets, a tribute to the advanced state of Israeli agriculture.

North American-style malls have sprung up all over the country. A vast new mall in Jerusalem, built by David Azrieli of Montreal, is reportedly the largest in the Middle East.

At home, Israel's most formidable challenge is to absorb the tidal wave of new immigrants from the old Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

The task is incomplete. Tens of thousands of olim still live in bleak caravan sites from Acre to Beersheba, waiting for housing and jobs.

As Israel settles into middle age, old-new problems loom on the horizon:

- The divide between secular and ultra-religious Israeli Jews has widened considerably in recent years, causing violent confrontations.
- Israeli Arabs, who comprise about 18 percent of the population, clamor for equal rights with regard to employment and municipal allocations.
- The Negev, which constitutes two-thirds of Israel's land area, remains largely undeveloped or underdeveloped.

The challenges which confront Israel on Independence Day are daunting. But Israel, whose very survival is something of a miracle after decades of warfare with its Arab neighbors, has always thrived on adversity.

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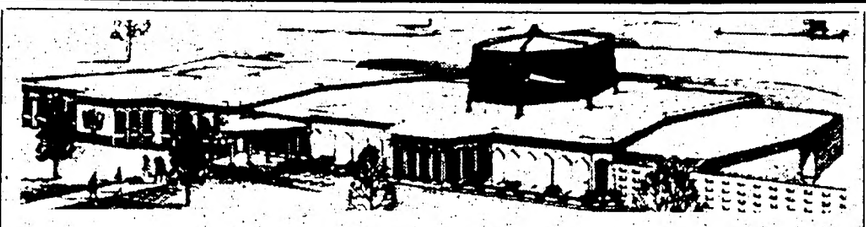
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Task force urged to study racists

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Last Hallowe'en, a north Winnipeg synagogue Lubavitch centre was spray-painted with anti-Semitic graffiti.

In February, the same thing happened to a building housing a Mennonite-owned trucking company.

In early March, a Black activist received a racist letter and poem.

Most recently, the *Jewish Post & News* received hate mail.

In response to these and other events, including the failed prosecution of self-admitted members of the Ku Klux Klan last September, a new coalition of Jewish and other anti-racist groups are calling on the provincial government to establish a community-based, independent task force to study white supremacist activity in Winnipeg.

The coalition was organized by the city of Winnipeg's community and race relations committee. The first meeting was held last month.

"This is the first time such a diverse group of representatives has attended a meeting to deal with the issues of the Ku Klux Klan in particular and hate literature in general," said Harold Rampersad, co-ordinator of the committee.

"In light of the increasing incidences of racism and anti-Semitism, it is very important for our groups to be working together," said Murray Trachtenberg, chair of the mid-west region of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

"We know that hate groups around the world have been networking and co-ordinating their activities for quite some time. In order to respond, it is important for us to do the same thing."

Jonathon Kroft, Winnipeg Jewish Community Council vice-president of community relations, echoes Trachtenberg's sentiments.

"I was happy to be invited to the meeting and see the number of different organizations that were represented," Kroft said. "It was gratifying to see groups that tend to be victimized by racists banding together to confront it rather than remaining isolated and being further victimized. This is a societal problem. I would like to see all Manitobans close ranks against racist activities. There is no question racism is becoming more visible locally, nationally and internationally."

The coalition has invited Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, Justice Minister Jim McCrae, Multiculturalism Minister Bonnie Mitchelson and the leaders of the opposition to a second meeting this month.

He also praised the government for launching an independent inquiry into the handling of last fall's failed case against the Klan members. Charges were stayed after an undercover police officer admitted in court to basing some of her testimony on wiretapped conversations. To avoid any charges of partiality, Manitoba Justice officials have turned to Alberta's Justice Department to conduct the inquiry into how the case was handled, if it should be reopened and whether perjury charges should be laid against the two undercover officers involved.

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Shaarei Shomayim's Dratch aims to challenge congregants

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —Rabbi Mark Dratch, the newest member of the Toronto Orthodox rabbinate, is being installed as spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on Glencairn Avenue, on Lag B'Omer, May 2.

Rabbi Dratch, just a tad embarassed when talking about the event, said he was "appreciative of the support and encouragement the congregation has given. It has been a wonderful experience. [The members of the congregation] accepted me and my wife and daughter so warmly."

Rabbi Dratch, together with his wife, Sara, and 4-year-old daughter Tova, came to Toronto from New York last May, where he had served at Kehillath Jerushurun synagogue.

A graduate of Yeshiva University, where he received smicha, rabbinic ordination, he has also served at synagogues in Stanford, Conn., Boca Raton, Florida (where he established the first Orthodox synagogue) and in Schenectady, N.Y.

Although his coming to Toronto has caused considerable interest, since he is the first avowedly modern Orthodox rabbi to assume a major pulpit in Toronto in some years, he insists he "is not interested in making a stir. I have a job to do, and I try to do it the best I can."

He says he is "interested in challenging, inspiring and educating" the congregation, through classes, sermons and creative programming.

Classes range from the traditional (Talmud, parshah [the weekly Torah portion] and Halachah) to those dealing with contemporary issues from a halachic perspective.

Torah, the rabbi says, is a challenging text in both study and practice, on the personal, communal and societal levels. Different people, he says, relate to its challenges in their own way, and the synagogue must try to reach out to meet the differing needs.

"There is a large rate of intermarriage, asimilation and disenfranchisement in the larger Jewish community and the Orthodox community. We must try to reach out to those who are with us and those who are not yet with us."

Rabbi Mark Dratch

Rabbi Dratch is enthusiastic about the success of the first Passover seder the synagogue held this year. Not only did congrgation members come, but so did a healthy contingent of Russian immigrants, many enjoying their first-ever seder.

A recent Shabbaton featured two disabled individuals, Rabbi Michael Levy and his wife Chava Willig-Levy.

"This was another way of reaching out to those who are somehow different. It both reached out to those who felt alienated, and served to sensitize those attending."

Rabbi Dratch is especially interested in the field of child abuse, and works with the Institute of Child Abuse here in Toronto. He is involved in making a film on the subject which will be shown on TVO in the not-too-distant future, has published articles on the subject and sits on the Orthodox Round Table that serves as a "think tank" on subjects of concern.

Rabbi Dratch recognizes that these subjects, along with other subjects he has dealt with including alternative lifestyles and living wills, "are not comfortable issues."

While, he asserts, "we can't condone acts which are against halacha [such as homosexuality] that doesn't mean we should reject sinners.

"There are many human issues involved; alienation, pain and suffering — to the best of our ability, Halachah demands a certain sensitivity and outreach to individuals, while not legitimizing their activities. They are still Jews, still human beings."

Rabbi Dratch finds the Toronto community vibrant, and dynamic, and is impressed by the health of the synagogues, social service agencies and Zionism here.

He says he is not so concerned about seeming divisions in the community, saying that division can be not only destructive but creative as well.

"After all," he says with a twinkle, "when G-d created the world, He did it by dividing — the light from the dark, the sea from the dry land."

This attitude includes apparent divisions in the Orthodox community.

"If what defines Orthodoxy is a belief in G-d, a belief in revelation, and a commitment to following Jewish law, then there is only one Orthodox community. If we spend more time studying Torah and observing the mitzvot, that is a good sign."

There have always been various approaches in Orthodoxy, but all centre on those common denominators, he points out, citing differences between chassidim and mitnagdim, between different groups of chassidim, and within the yeshiva world.

"Modern Orthodoxy is another approach to Orthodoxy," he says. "Orthodox is the subject that modern defines, not the other way round."

Mutual respect, he believes, should be a hallmark of Orthodoxy, "although we don't always see it — and that goes for the whole spectrum of Orthodoxy."

All this being said, Rabbi Dratch notes that his responsibility right now "is first and foremost to my own synagogue. What I do may impact outside, but my main interest is in serving the members of my own shul."

He sobers when talking about the recent death of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the renowned scholar under whom "I had the privilege to study."

"We have lost one of our most creative, dynamic leaders, and that has to have an impact. He left a legacy of philosophy and Torah that will continue to inspire.

"His openness to the modern world and to confronting the modern world set an example for his many students and followers."

Fallick first Jewish Black woman to become president of YWCA

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Gloria Fallick recently became the first Jewish president of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) of Metropolitan Toronto.

As a black Jew, Fallick is a living example of the changing face of the organization she represents.

"I think the perception has been that the YWCA has not been an inclusive organization," the 58-year-old told *The CJN* in a recent interview. "The truth is, we serve all women, but perhaps we haven't advertised it.

The soft-spoken, youthful grandmother of two said the letters 'C' and 'Y' in the organization's title do not reflect today's reality. Of the 17 YWCA board members in Toronto, two are Jewish and four are women of color. Fallick can fill two of those roles, she pointed out with a laugh.

Fallick became a YWCA board member in the late 1980s and has chaired two of its task forces. Her involvement with the YWCA goes back to her days as a camp counsellor in her native Los Angeles.

Involvement with Jewish organizations came later, when she joined B'nai Brith in California following her marriage to husband Martin 21 years ago. At first Fallick observed

Gloria Fallick

Jewish traditions at home for the sake of her two youngest stepsons. "We practised both [religions] for quite a long time," she said.

Fallick converted in Seattle, Wa., after the family relocated to Vancouver in the '70s. Her daughter from a previous marriage also opted to be Jewish.

The Vancouver Jewish community was "not one that you broke into right away," Fallick recalled, explaining why they went to synagogue across the border in Seattle.

"[In California] the Jewish community was very welcoming and very helpful," she said. "When I came to Vancouver, I found it really difficult." She feels more at home in Toronto's Jewish community, where she attends Holy Blossom Temple.

Deeply involved in the black community, Fallick is a board member of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations and a past board member of the Black Secretariat. She also publishes *Tiger Lily*, a journal which she helped cofound in 1986 for women of color, and has been involved with women's shelters through the United Way.

Fallick credits her humanitarianism in part to the 19 months she spent living in Denmark during her first marriage.

Her career has spanned a number of phases, most recently as a design and energy audit co-ordinator for the City of North York. A recent retiree, she is now able to devote more time to her YWCA position.

Strenghtening the YWCA's general membership and working in parternship with the community are two of Fallick's goals as president.

While best known for its recreational and fitness programs, the Toronto YWCA has long been an advocate on women's issues. It offers life skills programs, crisis housing and second stage housing for women leaving shelters. Upcoming YWCA events include a Women's Awareness Week running from May 2 to 8.

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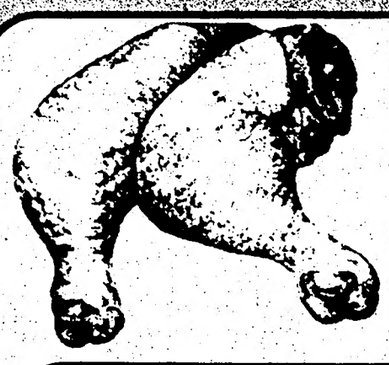

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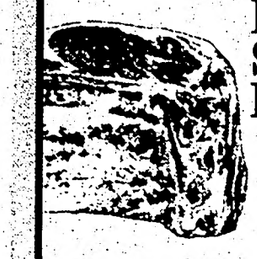

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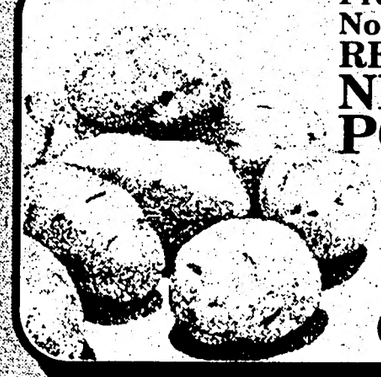

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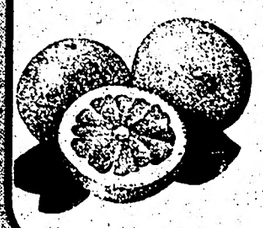

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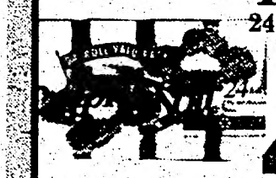

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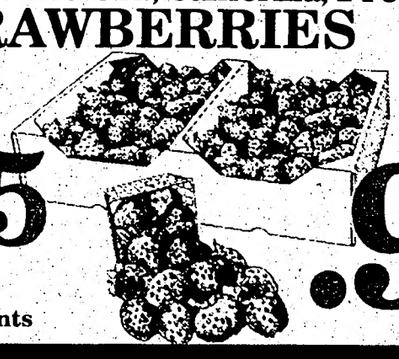

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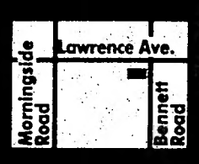

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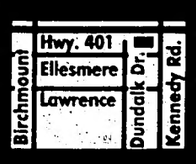

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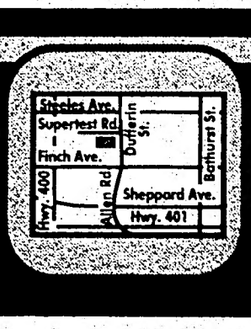

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Holocaust monument gets addition

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — A new inscription has been added to Winnipeg's Holocaust Monument which was erected on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislature in September, 1990. The added inscription, which was unveiled before a group of about 50 people on Friday, April 16, is a brief history of the Holocaust. It explains that while millions of people were killed by the Nazis, only the People — the Jews — were singled out for extermination. It concludes with the hope that this memory to their lives "serve as both a blessing and a warning."

The dedication ceremony began with K'El Molai Rachamim by Cantor Judah Smolak. Rabbi Peretz Weizman, a survivor whose Bnay Abraham Synagogue is the centre for the traditional Holocaust Memorial service each year, spoke first.

"The new words," he said, "are to remind the world about what happened to our people and what hatred can lead to. There is no analogy possible to what the Jewish People suffered. Comparing the suffering in Bosnia to the Holocaust trivializes what happened and those who try to place abortion on the same level are guilty of gross exaggeration. Our people were massacred for one reason — because they were Jews.

"Our motto — Never Again — must be repeated constantly. Nothing compares to Auschwitz and anyone who tries weakens our commitment."

Winnipeg Jewish Community Council President Mel Fages noted that this year commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. "This memorial," he said, "is so we and the general community never forget that there is no atrocity mankind is not capable of. The six million who died are beginning to verge on abstraction for our children. We must remind them that we didn't lose just fellow Jews but a rich centuries-old Yiddish culture. We must remind them of how they lived as well as how they died."

Also speaking at the dedication was Philip Weiss, chair of the WJCC's Holocaust Memorial committee. A poem, *The Monument* was read aloud by its author, Aviva Goldberg, a participant in last year's March of the Living. A wreath was laid by Helen Freed and yahrzeit candles lit by Barbara Goszer. Rabbi Weizman completed the dedication ceremony by leading everyone present in a recitation of kaddish.

The dedication ceremony kicked off Holocaust Awareness Week including programs for the Jewish schools, a number of speakers including Dr. Rudolf Vrba of the University of British Columbia and Professor Galia Golan of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and the annual memorial service at the Bnay Abraham which was held on Sunday, April 18.

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Humorist Buchwald to speak

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The emphasis will be on fun when political humorist and newspaper columnist Art Buchwald speaks here May 5 at the invitation of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada.

It took almost 12 years to negotiate Buchwald's visit, his first ever to British Columbia (*CJN*, March 18). Proceeds from Supper with Art will fund cancer treatment at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Tickets are $75.

Buchwald, who says he's known as a chronicler of "lame-duck chief executives," has written close to 30 books and is syndicated in more than 500 newspapers. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1982. In 1986 he was elected to the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

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Organizations and People

Celebrations set for Israel's 45th

TORONTO — A two day community wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration in honor of Israel's 45th birthday will take place on April 25 and April 26 with a series of exciting fun filled events. Yom Ha'atzmaut, '93 is being organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation in co-operation with B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and sponsored by organizations and synagogues throughout the city.

The grand opening will take place on April 25, 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., with a glittering evening of song featuring two dynamic performers, Yaffa Yarkoni and Yoel Sharabi. Admission is $10 for adults, $6 for students and seniors. For information and tickets — 633-3988.

April 26, at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. promises to be a fun filled day of events for the whole family.

Co-chairs Miriam Grunwald and Dennie Reiken and their committees have planned something for everyone. There will be a noon parade followed by a flag raising ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Events include an Israeli food court, a craft fair, the Kalenka Dancers, Israexpo (information boutiques), a shuk featuring books and Judaica, a student art exhibit, bingo for seniors, games and puzzles, a children's musical show featuring Helena and her Magical Basket, youth entertainment, and all day sing-a-long, clowns, face painting and much, much more. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

TOUR OF BAYCREST

Ontario Health Minister Ruth Grier (centre) and Minister without portfolio in Health Karen Haslam (right) recently toured the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Joining the ministers were Baycrest board member Norman Schipper (left) and Stephen Cole, (second from left) chairman of the board of governors.

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In Celebration of Israel's 45th Anniversary

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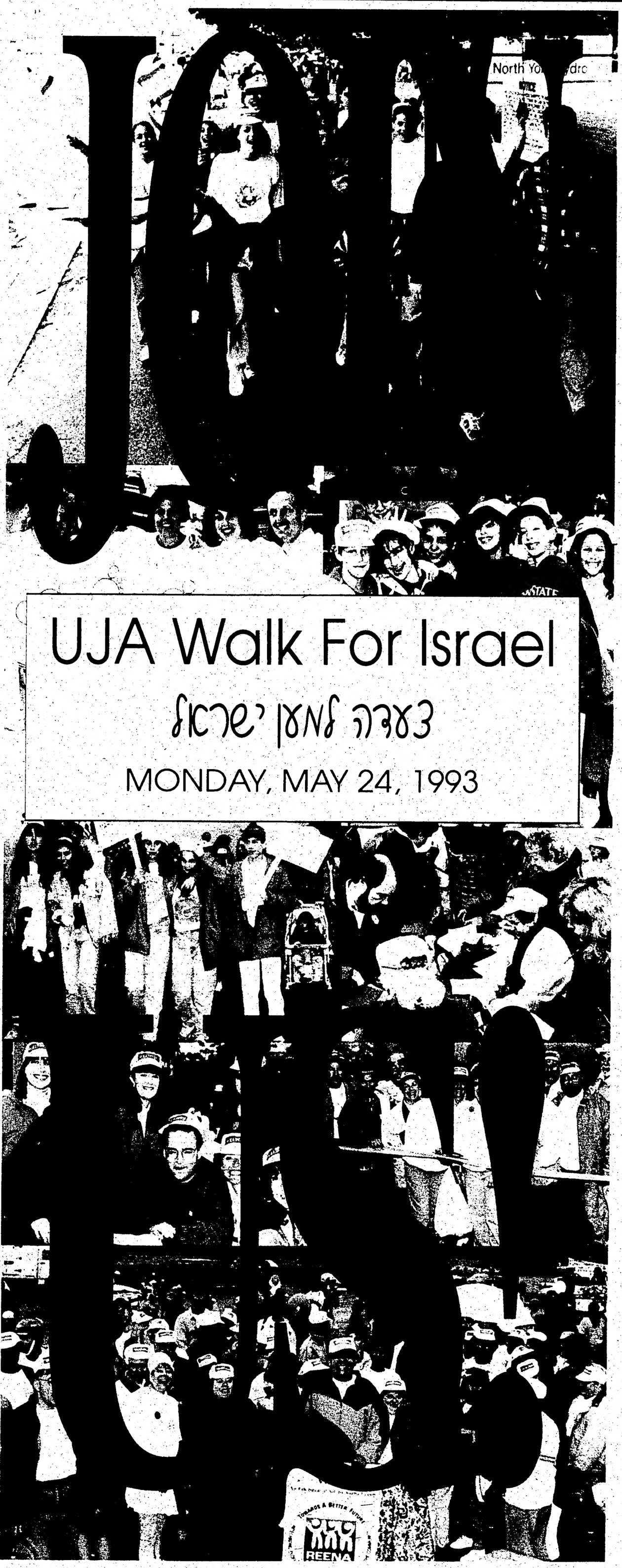

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MONDAY, MAY 24, 1993

Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

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The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, April 22, is deadline for May 6 issue, and Thursday, April 29, is deadline for May 13). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Saturday, April 24

JERUSALEM: CITY OF DAVID

The annual Frances Bitterman Memorial Lectures three-part series on Judaic Knowledge Through Various Investigative Avenues continues at 6:45 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue following Minchah service and Seudah Shishit, when **Prof. Menachem Maidman**, Department of History, York University, will describe Jerusalem: City of David. The community is invited and admission is free.

Sunday, April 25

JEWISH LIFE IN FORMER U.S.S.R

Prominent Yiddish writer **Israel Figa** will deliver a lecture on Perspective of Jewish Life in the Soviet Union at 2 p.m., Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Lecture is under the auspices of Yiddish Culture Council. Admission is $3.

DEADLY CURRENTS

All are welcome to attend the free screening of the film, *Deadly Currents*, at 2 p.m. at Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. Call 694-7942 for more information.

OPEN HOUSE

The Secular Jewish Association Sunday School is holding an open house, 10 a.m. to noon, at St. Andrews Junior High, 131 Fenn Ave. Learn about the secular humanistic Jewish junior kindergarten to Grade 7 curriculum, and youth and adult programs. For information, call 731-7066.

MARKHAM STREET SHUL

The Markham Street Shul series on Judaism Speaks to Contemporary Issues with **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht**, director of Nishma, continues with Heterosexuality/Homosexuality: The Value of Physical Love, at 8 p.m. at 397 Markham St. Admission is free. Call 533-0007 for information.

THE JEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club features **Leonard Bernstein**, raconteur/movie mogul/Kiddush Club tester, speaking on The Jews in Hollywood, following 9 a.m. services.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto's 13th annual Christian service in memory of the Holocaust takes place at 4 p.m. at Agricola Lutheran Church, 25 Old York Mills Rd. **Rev. James E. Leland**, Maryland United Church, New Brunswick, will deliver the homily on the theme The 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. All are welcome. For more information, call 941-9356.

JEWISH BROTHERHOODS

Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Metropolitan Toronto and Vicinity's spring breakfast features **Bob Kaplan**, MP, speaking on An Overview of Canadian Politics. Charge is $6 per person. Everyone welcome.

Monday, April 26

State of Israel Bonds is hosting the **Dr. Ruhama Goldstein** Woman of Valor Dinner at the Inn on the Park. Tickets are $125 per person with the purchase of a 1993 State of Israel Bond. For additional information, call the office at 789-3351.

INSURANCE INSIGHTS

Insurance Insights is the topic to be addressed by **Stan Schwartz** at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Sisterhood meeting at 8 p.m. at 147 Overbrook Place.

AUTHOR READING/BOOK LAUNCH

Dr. Shel Krakofsky reads from his new collection of Jewish short stories, *Listening for Somersaults*, in the main auditorium of London's Central Library at 7:30 p.m. The free reading and reception is sponsored by the Canada Council as part of National Book Festival Week. Krakofsky is the author of *The Reversible Coat* and editor of *Parchment*, the national annual of contemporary Jewish writing.

Dr. Shel Krakofsky

Tuesday, April 27

CANTORIAL CONCERT

A contorial concert is taking place at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., at 8 p.m., featuring **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, Holy Blossom Temple; **Cantor Martin Steinhouse**, Temple Har Zion; **Cantor Severin Weingart**, Temple Sinai and **Anna Trubashnik**, cantorial soloist, Temple Emanu-El. General admission $18, students and seniors $9. For further information, call 889-2252.

LEO BAECK DEBATERS

The Grade 8 class of Leo Baeck Day Scool receives their debating certificates at the recent Rosh Chodesh Tefillah which they led for their parents, teachers and fellow students.

NFJA MEETING

The New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting, focusing on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, features folksinger **Jenny Eisenstein** and **Louis Lenkinski**, authority on the Ghetto Uprising. Time is 8 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre). The public is invited. No admission charge.

MATERIAL ART

Linda Goldman will discuss Material Art at the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Reserve by calling **Ruth Fruitman**, 731-6660.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A blood donor clinic is being held at the Jewish Community Centre Northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., from 2-8:30 p.m. Please bring identification with full name and signature or photograph. For information, call 974-9900.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, a discussion of childbirth options, breastfeeding and the family's relationship to the breastfed baby, at 8 p.m. at 157 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. For further information, call **Joyce**, 881-8779, **Robin**, 886-8364, **Karen**, 512-7974, or **Risa**, 738-8870.

MARKHAM STREET SHUL

At Markham Street Shul, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., **Rabbi Michael Skobac** will speak on Ethics of the Fathers: Do Not Judge Another Until You've Been in Their Place. From 8:30-9:30 p.m., **Rabbi Yaakov Kirzner** will speak on Husbands and Wives: Models From Torah and **Sholom Langer** will focus on the week's Parshah. The address is 397 Markham St. For more information, call 533-0007.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

This session of the Kosher Cooking School series deals with Cake Baking. The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Fee is $15. Call 635-9550 for information and registration.

Wednesday, April 28

THE JEWS OF POLAND

The Jewish Genealogical Society presents a video entitled *The Jews of Poland, a compilation* of archival film from the Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archives at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The film was taken just months before the Holocaust. Program is at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southborne Ave. (rather than at Shaarei Shomayim as usual).

FOLKDANCE PARTY

Join the Israel Independence Day Folkdance Party Celebration with an all-request program and door prizes at Jewish Community Centre Northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St, 8:30 p.m. Admission is $5. For further information, contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group features **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, former assistant rabbi, Holy Blossom, and now director of Kolel: Centre for Jewish Learning, who will speak on A Woman (and a Man) of Valor. Program is at noon. Bring lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies provided. Call **Deborah** at 789-3291 two days in advance if you need a lift.

HEALTH SERIES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Continuing Education Committee lecture series on Taking Responsibility for Your Health continues with Nutrition & Alternative Medicine vs. Disease with pharmacist **Samuel Smith**. The time is 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

Thursday, April 29

GROWING UP WITH NA'AMAT

Support this year's Growing Up With Na'amat fundraising event with speaker **Moshe Ronen**, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' national Israel affairs committee, whose topic will be Israel's Treatment in the Media and the Peace Process. The time is 8 p.m. at Bialik Hebrew Day School, 12 Viewmount Ave. Tickets are $10. Call 636-5425 for information.

PAMELA WALLIN TO SPEAK

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO invites you to attend its annual Youth Aliyah Luncheon with guest speaker **Pamela Wallin**, CBC broadcast journalist, at the Inn on the Park at noon. Reservations are a must. Call 789-4373.

WILLS CLINIC

Learn how to 'stretch your dollar' at a Wills Clinic sponsored by Canadian Shaar Zedek Hospital Foundation, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Seminar presenters are **Max Gotlieb**, Cassels Brock & Blackwell; **Jeffrey Halpern**, Royal Trust; and **Saul Schwartz**, Schwartz & Schwartz. There is no charge or solicitation of funds. Advance registration is required. Call 781-3584.

ARTIST'S SLIDE PRESENTATION

Travel Through the Eyes of An Artist, a presentation by local artist **Tutzi Seguin**, features slides of paintings inspired by her travels through many countries. It takes place at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

PHONE A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone newly-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for three months to help newcomers develop telephone skills. An orientation to TLC will take place at the Jewish Community Centre Northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., second floor boardroom, at 7:30 p.m. Call **Trudy Shecter** at 631-5680 to RSVP or for further information.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., the Frances Bitterman Memorial Lecture series on Judaic Knowledge Through Various Investigative Avenues concludes with **Aaron Nussbaum**, director of education, United Synagogue Day School, and York University lecturer, discussing The Dead Sea Scrolls: A History and an Update. The community is invited and admission is free.

CURATIVE POWERS OF NUTRITION

Toronto chapter of the Dysautonomia Foundation's annual spring meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai. **Dr. Philip Martin**, doctor of chiropractic and noted nutritionist, will speak on The Curative Powers of Nutrition. For further information, call 256-3197 or 633-6747.

And What Else Is New...

PLAY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Leah Posluns Theatre and the theatre committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto are sponsoring a day-long play development workshop for playwrights with an unproduced

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play of Jewish content in process, conducted by **Alexander Hausvater**, theatre director, founding director of Quebec International Theatre Festival, and former head of drama, CBC, Montreal, Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Subscription is $25. Registration limited.

In addition, Hausvater will be speaking at 8 p.m. at the Studio Theatre on the topic A Revival of Jewish Culture in Eastern Europe? Admission is $5.

To register, for tickets or further information, call 630-6752.

COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION

Mizrachi, Emunah Women and Bnei Akiva invite the entire community to a Yom Hazikaron (Remembrance Day) commemoration, tefillot and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration Sunday, May 25, 7:15 p.m., at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission free.

DYNAMICS OF HEALTHY LIVING

A lecture sponsored by Temple Emanu-El in support of Mazon will feature **Dr. Loren Sidenberg** on The Dynamics of Healthy Living in the '90s, Tues. May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the temple, 120 Old Colony Rd. Advance registration is $15, at the door $20. Call **Elaine Cole**, 489-2998.

SISTERHOOD WOMAN OF THE YEAR

You are invited to Beth Tzedec Sisterhood membership day tribute dinner honoring **Rose Pullan**, Sisterhood Woman of the Year, Wednesday, May 5, reception 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Program features actor/storyteller/comedian **Jack Newman**. Sisterhood members free, guests $25. RSVP by April 26 to synagogue office, 781-3511.

FASHION SHOW

For a meaningful Mother's Day gift, treat Mom to the Emunah fashion show to benefit children in Israel. Enjoy Edith's Fashions Monday, May 10, 7:15 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Dessert will be served. For reservations and information, call 635-9847.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat study luncheon May 1, at noon, following services, features guest speaker **Rabbi William Lebeau**, vice-chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Topic is Judaism: Faith and Observance, Do's and Dont's. Reservations (paid) should be made by Tuesday, April 27. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call synagogue office at 781-3511.

THE CEMETERY CLUB

Mosaic Productions under the artistic directorship of **Rivka Schecter** will be presenting *The Cemetery Club* by **Ivan Menchell**, featuring **Miriam Pinchuk, Marilyn Pollock, Lou Schecter** and **Rochelle Silverberg**. The play is a celebration of life; a bittersweet comedy of three friends facing widowhood with spirit and laughter. Showtimes are Saturdays, May 1 and 8, at 9 p.m. and Sundays May 2 and 9, at 8 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. Tickets are $10 at the door or by calling 636-6665.

HAVURAH WEEKEND RETREAT

The Havurah weekend retreat was such a success last spring, it will be held again June 4-6 at Camp Lakeland (one hour south of Buffalo). Weekend includes educational workshops on a variety of Jewish themes, singing, dancing, recreational facilities, special Jewish children's programs, kosher cuisine. Cost is $130 adults, subsidies for children. Call **Peter Gold** at 927-1796 evenings.

BOOKS NEEDED

Do something about your overloaded book shelves now that Passover is behind us. Donate unwanted books to the annual University College (UC) book sale at University of Toronto. Proceeds suport the UC library. Call the alumni office at 978-2968 for pickup.

SERIES FOR COUPLES

Holocaust Remembrance committee and Jewish Family and Child Service is offering a six-week series for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor. Discuss the common concerns and unique challenges this partnership represents. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883, or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215 for details. Series begins May 4.

ISRAEL TRAINING SEMINAR

Jewish Students' Network-Canada presents Focus on Israel: The Leadership Training Seminar, May 19-June 11. Highlights include meetings with Knesset members, seminars in Israeli politics, history, economics and the arts, plus workshops on countering anti-Israel propaganda and effective promotion of Israel on campus.

Cost is $1870 (based on Toronto departure — special subsidized air transportation from other cities). For an application, contact Jewish Students' Network-Canada, 3535 Bathurst St., Toronto, M6A 2C7. Phone **Shari** at (416) 783-1165 or your local campus organization.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering the following workshops— Looking Ahead (loneliness, anger, parenting and beginning a new life, begins May 13); Living with Teens (begins May 4); Midlife, Menopause and Me (begins May 6). For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

at the JCC

A free real estate workshop on How to Get Ahead in the '90s, featuring a variety of speakers, takes place at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) Wednesday, April 28, 7 p.m. For information, phone **Maureen McIlveen**, 924-6211.

Join the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Monday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with flag raising ceremony, Israeli dancing and singing, entertainment, food fair and much more. For more information, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include dance in clubhouse Saturday, April 24, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band April 25 in Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; The Hungry Fisherman restaurant, Tuesday, April 27, departing 5:30 p.m. from community centre ($12); movie *Off Your Rocker* with **Milton Berle**, Wednesday, April 28, 2 p.m. in clubhouse; Mother's Day dinner (kosher) and dance Sunday, May 9, 7-11 p.m. in community centre (members $15, non-members $18); Niagara-on-the-Lake with lunch and shopping on High St. ($20 members only). For information, call 395-7881.

BBW BAZAAR

B'nai Brith Women of Toronto's 43rd annual bazaar Sunday, May 2, at St. Lawrence Market from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will be highlighted by an auction at 3 p.m. featuring a sports collectibles section. The photo above with Wendel Clark, captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, and members of the BBW of Toronto executive (from left) Ethy Lebow, Helaine Finkelstein and Barbara Swimmer, was taken when the Maple Leafs donated their autographed team hockey stick to the bazaar.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On April 26, the group will celebrate the 45th Independence Day of Israel with Israeli music, a singer and refreshments. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Good Age Club, JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), will be going on a trip to St. Jacobs Thursday, April 29. Call **Luni** to register and for more information, 924-6211.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave.— The Wellness Education Group presents Thoughts and Emotions Psychotherapy for Depression Wednesday, April 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m. with **Dr. Allan Steingart**, co-ordinator of Psychiatric Day Hospital, Baycrest Hospital. Free of charge for centre members and Terrace residents, $2 guests. Register by April 27 at centre office, 789-5131, ext. 2267. Yom Ha'atzmaut party takes place Sunday, April 25, 8-9:30 p.m. Temple Sinai Choir performs Tuesday, April 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Lifestyle Retirement Community Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., presents a musical interlude of folk and Broadway music with vocalist **Faye Kellerstein** and **Michael Khinkis**, Thursday, April 29, 2 p.m. Admission is free but reserve by calling **Marlene White** at 445-7555.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., ongoing programs sponsored by North York Board of Education continue. Tai Chi has been changed to Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Upcoming events include the ballet, *Romeo and Juliet*, May 14; Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 11-19; Israel trip Nov. 15 (2½ weeks). For information on these and other trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Senior Adult Services, JCC North Y branch has arranged a trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-26, twin occupancy $793 per person, single $915. For details, contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

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Please note that the Sunday dance April 25 has been cancelled. Instead there is a Yom Hazikaron ceremony from noon to 1 p.m. and then a Yom Ha'atzmaut party at 7 p.m. that day. Tickets available at the centre. Call **Anna** for more information at 225--2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health series presents See Life Through Humor with **Phela Goodstein,** director of the Institute of Humor, Thursday, April 29, 1:30 p.m. Admission free, everyone welcome.

Happy Birthday Israel, a concert with the musical team **Shlomo Aviv, Angela Buchro, Alex Kogut, Lenka Lichtenberg** and **Michael Khinkis**, is set for Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. Members $3, non-members $5.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On April 22, **Bill Boden** will show slides of Cabbagetown and vicinity in Toronto. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. Fee is $1.

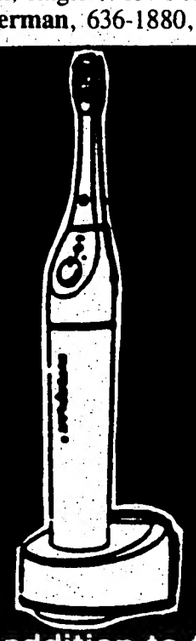
The Wednesday afternoon social presents a program of songs with **Rachel Kastriano**, April 28, 1:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

On Mondays, centre members and students from Pleasant Public School join forces to design and create a multicultural quilt. This project, which started April 19, will last 10 weeks culminating in a presentation ceremony. The group meets 1-3 p.m. If you are interested or would just like to watch, do stop by.

A day trip for members only to Shaw Festival to see *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* is scheduled Wednesday, April 28. Cost is $32. Trips available to non-members five days before event at higher cost. Tickets at information desk. For information, call **Shari** at 225-2112.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Sharonna Pearl, a 15-year-old student at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, won a trip to Israel as the winner of the second annual Ontario-wide public speaking competition sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation. Runners up were Ilan Lenga, 18, University of Toronto, and Darren Ernest, 18, York Mills Collegiate. Prizes were donated by Harold and Helen Schneer and Sidney and Reggie Greenberg. Michael and David Schneer made the presentation to the winner. Seen above are (from left) Mirit Assayag; David Schneer; Lynn Cutler, co-chair of the event; Sharonna Pearl; Annie Tencer, co-chair; and Michael Schneer.



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Organizations and People

Female U of T alumni mark advances made at Hart House

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — When author and journalist Michele Landsberg attended the University of Toronto in the early '60s, she complained to the dean of women about Hart House's men-only policy and was greeted with frosty silence.

"She thought I was a nut and made me feel like a nut," said Landsberg recently at a celebration of the desegregation of Hart House 20 years ago. Hart House includes a formal dining room, an art gallery and athletic facilities. Until 1973, women were allowed in by invitation only.

The commemoration, called Behind the Heavy Doors, also included U of T chancellor Rose Wolfe and graduates Abby Hoffman, Bonnie Stern and Jean Augustine.

Landsberg said when she was at U of T, all of the English professors were men. "We didn't notice that there wasn't a single woman professor in our faculty," she said.

When she talked to the head of the English department at University College about enrolling in graduate school, he replied, "I will recommend you if you insist, but no woman has ever taught English at University College while I've been here and no woman ever will."

Michele Landsberg

Abby Hoffman, winner of three gold medals in track and field, had to train in drafty facilities without change rooms because each time she tried to use the track at Hart House, she was asked to leave. Hoffman competed in four Olympics, four Pan-American Games and three Commonwealth Games during the late '60s and early '70s.

Hoffman, currently the executive director of the Canadian Panel On Violence Against Women, admits she tolerated the sexism in her university days and wonders how such a monument of discrimination as Hart House could have existed.

"I was so mesmerized by the liberal ideas I heard in class. I was deceived by what was going in front of me."

Chancellor Wolfe wanted to become a doctor, but in the '30s, "it was not that easy for a woman to become a doctor. So I became a social worker because that's what women did."

She said there was a stigma attached to working women and those who wanted careers were looked down on. Being a Jewish woman attending university was also not easy, but "we muddled through. We didn't realize we were being excluded."

Jean Augustine, former chair of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority Board of Members, said she knew of a few female professors on campus, but she never saw them. Students avoided women professors the way some people shun female immigration officers.

Regarding the recent advances made by women, Augustine quoted a Baptist preacher. "We ain't where we should be, we ain't where we ought to be, but thank God we ain't where we was."

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Correction

An error was made in describing the books written by Sarah Chana Radcliffe, the therapist who gave suggestions for surviving Pesach while still maintaining your sanity and health. (*CJN*, April 1).

Her publications include *Aizer K'negdo*, about the husband-wife relationship, *A Delicate Balance*, about child rearing, *Akeres Habayis* about time and home management, and *Teen Esteem*.

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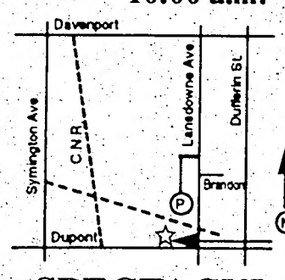

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Organizations and People

March of Living inspires students to create video

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Corinne Krepel, 19, participated in last year's March of the Living, sponsored by United Israel Appeal, for one main reason: to learn about the Holocaust and to educate others.

With that in mind, Krepel and fellow student Daniel Kerzner, 18, recently produced a video as part of an assignment for their sociology class at York University.

Kerzner's single-mindedness regarding the March matched that of Krepel. Initially rejected for the Toronto contingent, which could only take 75 of 150 applicants to Poland and Israel, Kerzner signed on for a March of the Living trip leaving from Miami after making numerous long-distance phone calls.

Like Krepel, who has spoken to Hadassah groups about the March of the Living, Kerzner feels bound to share what he has learned. "I wanted to go to see everything, to learn about it and do something about it when I came back. It was something I had to do. There was no question of not going."

The 15-minute video was an outgrowth of an essay on Holocaust denial. Narrated by Krepel, who appears on film seated in the comfortable living room of the Kerzner home, the video is made up of images taken from the students' photos and slides.

"The video is aimed at groups that don't really know what the Holocaust is, to show them what we saw in Poland," says Krepel.

"If people are faced with neo-Nazism and Holocaust denial," says Kerzner, "[after seeing the video] they'll have the pictures in their heads. They'll see the hair. They'll see the bones. Although this happened 50 years ago, if they were to go to Poland today, this is what they would see."

The positive response from their sociology class tutorial has encouraged Kerzner and Krepel to refine their project for wider distribution. "I would like to see it go to Jewish day schools as well as non-Jewish schools," said Kerzner.

Krepel, who attended William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, was "steamed" at the way Holocaust was taught in her school. "They missed so much."

Kerzner, a graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate, said Holocaust education was practically non-existent at his school.

The video raised a lot of questions in sociology class, he added. Kerzner would like to incorporate these into the video, "because we won't be there all the time to answer questions."

Correction

TORONTO — On Jan. 21, *The CJN* said a family from a Muslim republic in the former Soviet Union was granted refugee status.

The republic was incorrectly named as Tajikistan. It should have been Dagestan and the correct name of the city is Khasavyurt.

Another Jewish family, Oleg Iousoupov, his wife and two children, also from Dagestan, is awating the Refugee Board's decision on their application for refugee status made on Jan. 3, 1992.

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Goldstein's career in Bonds grew from her love of Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT

Ruhama Goldstein

TORONTO — It's tempting to sum up Ruhama Goldstein, this year's State of Israel Bonds Woman of Valour, in one word. Superwoman.

Goldstein is a wife, mother, researcher at the Toronto Hospital, consultant to industrial organizations and active in Bonds as Honorary National Chair, Women's Division.

But it would be unfair to describe anyone with a single word, and Goldstein's explanation of how her life has evolved to encompass such diverse facets makes it sound quite simple. Her career grew from her love of learning, her involvement with Bonds from her love for Israel.

Ruhama Gefen's life took an unexpected turn in 1971 when she attended an Israel Bonds dinner in Toronto, chaired by child psychiatrist Dr. Sol Goldstein. At the time her father, Dr. Aba Gefen, was Israeli consul-general here, and Ruhama was planning to return to her native Israel.

Ruhama and Sol were engaged two days after their first date and were married within three months, shortly after her 22nd birthday. "Thank God," said a smiling Ruhama recently, reflecting on her marriage during an interview at her Toronto home.

As a newlywed, Goldstein felt a strong need to support Israel and offered her services as a volunteer to State of Israel Bonds. Her first position involved canvassing people to buy bonds. "I was very comfortable with the idea of a loan to Israel," she recalled. "I felt proud to give people that opportunity."

The emphasis then was on fostering feelings of pride and connection with Israel. Today, 40 years after the establishment of Bonds in Canada, they are also considered a good business investment, she said. To Jews, Bonds mean a strong Israel and thus a strong Diaspora.

Goldstein's involvement with Bonds has been a constant in her life. At 28 she became the youngest chair of a women's division in North America. She helped create new women's divisions across Canada while strengthening existing ones. She encourages women to purchase bonds in their own names, a new idea when she joined the organization.

As associate chair for North America Women's Division, she travelled extensively across Canada and the United States to speak on behalf of Bonds, sometimes accompanied by one of her three children.

The Goldstein children "are the centre of everything for us," Goldstein said, while her husband and youngest son David, a Grade 8 student, played basketball outside on the driveway.

Goldstein made a point of staying home when her children were young. "I felt that is a time that does not come back. Caring for a child is an exciting and wonderful activity." Goldstein credits her own mother for providing her and her brothers with enough support for them to adapt to life wherever her father's career took them; Rome, Lima, Buenos Aires.

Goldstein's devotion to her family didn't preclude her from continuing her education. Her love of learning led her to take one university course per year while she was at home with her children.

With a BA and a Master's degree in English literature already under her belt, Goldstein proceeded to work on an MA in applied psychology at the University of Toronto. She received her doctorate in applied psychology in 1990 after returning to school full-time in the late 1980s.

Goldstein now works part-time at the Toronto Hospital, Western division, studying the psychological aspects of work-related injuries. She is also a consultant in the same field, in a business she and her husband established together.

Goldstein advises her clients that variety on the job is important. Her own success is proof that her advice works. "Because I do a number of different things, I don't find it difficult. I like every part of it," she said.

JSU hockey team closes off season

TORONTO — The JSU Hardhats' intramural hockey season came to an end recently with a 1-0 semi-final loss to a team from Forestry.

The Jewish Students Union team, sponsored by Perkell Construction, had gone undefeated through its first season in the University of Toronto Intramural Ice Hockey League, but that unblemished record came tumbling down when it ran into a hot goaltender in the semi-final game.

Over the course of the regular season, the Hardhats racked up a 10-0 record and began the playoffs with a 4-1 quarter-final win over Woodsworth College.

Coached by Hillel Edery, the Hardhats played a defensive game and relied heavily on goalie Eli Edery in the non-contact league, said team spokesman Jeff Spodek.

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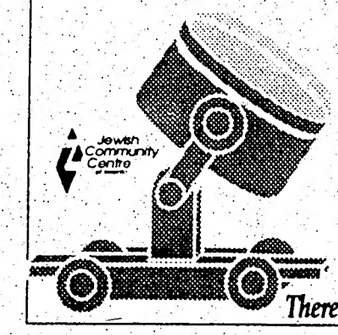

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Organizations and People

Hockey tournament's format irks head of Israeli association

By PAUL LUNGEN

BLED, Slovenia — Frustration was beginning to show as Paul Shindman looked back at the recent International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Pool C tournament.

"It doesn't make the IIHF look good where they have this feeder system for A pool that promotes joke hockey," he said. "This tournament is a joke tournament with four good teams and the rest running around trying to see who'll have to requalify."

Shindman, a Toronto oleh who founded and heads the Israel Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association (IIHFSA), was venting his disappointment after it became clear that Israel's hopes to avoid requalifying for next year's Pool C tournament were dashed. Israel's 0-5 record meant the Jewish state would have to re-qualify in November for next year's tournament.

For an organization whose every nickel, dime and shekel is a precious commodity, the prospects of financing a team for a requalification tournament abroad, after it had already jumped that hurdle just to get to Bled, was no doubt frustrating.

His disappointment mounting, Shindman predicted that even if Israel makes it back to C pool, "it'll be worse next year. It'll be a continuation of the same" but with the addition of two more hockey powerhouses.

The political changes that have redrawn the map of Europe have forced changes in the makeup of the IIHF's pool system as well. The Soviet Union's position in A pool was taken by Russia while other hockey-playing republics like Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Latvia joined the IIHF at the C Pool entry level.

Latvia won the tournament and advanced out of the division, leaving Ukraine and Kazakhstan to try again next year. They will likely be joined by Belarus (formerly Byelorussia) and either Lithuania or Estonia, making life even more miserable for the division's also rans — Israel, Spain, Belgium, Australia, South Africa, Slovenia, North and South Korea. As an example of the lopsided nature of many games, Ukraine beat Belgium 37-2 and Latvia beat Israel 32-0.

Shindman said the mood among these C division countries echoed Israel's and many believe the current tournament format will have to change.

After his return from Bled, team coach Gideon Lee said Israel has recently submitted to the IIHF and to all Pool C countries three proposals to amend the current tournament format. One approach would see Pool C divided into two sections with teams competing only against teams of similar calibre. It's unclear whether the proposals will even be on the agenda at the IIHF's congress during the World Championships in Munich.

Regardless of future tournament formats, Israel "will show [up] if it re-qualifies," Shindman said.

"Even though it's futile to show up, we're not going to throw in the towel and say we've given up on the senior hockey program. We'll remain in the international hockey arena. We will maintain a presence."

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The IIHFSA has launched a junior program with four under-14 teams in Metulla, Haifa, Ramat Gan and Netanya, with the possibility of Bat Yam and Jerusalem joining the league this spring.

The adult league, which supplied most of the players for the national team, consists of six teams with 130 skaters playing for Bat Yam, Ramat Gan, Haifa, Netanya, Jerusalem ices two teams, one of which is made up of primarily of visiting yeshiva students.

Examining the prospects of Israel improving its on-ice performance at upcoming tournaments, Lee said it all comes down to one thing: "If we don't get a rink soon, we're not going anywhere."

The city of Tel Aviv has offered to provide the land at no cost but so far no-one has come forward with a concrete plan to build an arena, Shindman said.

There have been suggestions that the Canada Centre rink in Metulla, built with funds donated by Canadian Jews, might be expanded to Olympic proportions, but that will not solve the national team's problems. The rink's distant location makes it impossible for use for regular games and the rink's management was "totally unco-operative" with the national team prior to the IIHF tournament, Shindman said.

After inquiring into the possibility of holding a training camp in Metulla, the IIHFSA had to look elsewhere when the centre management wanted to charge the team a price it could not afford ($375 U.S. per weekend) and offered practice times from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday morning from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. As for sleeping arrangements, the only accommodations that was offered was a gym floor, Lee said. In effect, "they're making sure the national team stays away," Shindman added.

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Those wishing to assist Israel's hockey program financially can now make a tax deductible contribution. Contact Lee at (416) 512-6660 for more information.

The IIHFSA is still in need of new and used equipment, which will be put to good use. Israel's best skater, Russian immigrant Oleg Agapov,, skated at the tournament on donated CCM Tacks, Shindman said.

Looking the worse for wear after a tough game against Ukraine, these three Israelis were named the team's tournament stars at the recent Pool C competition in Bled. Seen here are, from left, centre Boris Nozik, who was born in Leningrad, goalie Boris Amromin, originally from Kharkov, Ukraine, and forward Mike Rubin, a native of Toronto. [Paul Lungen photo]

Poles, Jews plan commemoration

TORONTO — For the first time in Canada, Poles and Jews will come together for a joint commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The event, co-sponsored by the Toronto branches of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation and Canadian Polish Congress, will take place on Sunday, May 9 at 3 p.m. at Hart House.

The principal speaker will be Dr. Andrzej Zakrzewski of the office of the President of Poland. He has special responsibilities for Polish-Jewish relations. Leaders of the Jewish and Polish communities will also participate.

The enthusiasm of Canadian Polish Congress for the event is indicative of a new openness and understanding by the Polish community of Jewish suffering and heroism during the Holocaust. The gathering offers a unique opportunity for Jewish and Polish Canadians to pay tribute to the memory of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto.

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Holy Blossom concert reveals wealth of excellent local music

Steinberg's cantata provides a suitable finale

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — The Holy Blossom concert entitled Our Musical Heritage ably demonstrated the wealth of excellent music created by Toronto-based Jewish composers. In fact, the imaginative pieces are of such rich quality that although they technically belong to the category of Jewish music, they could grace any choral concert stage with distinction.

The concert, which predominantly featured the various Holy Blossom Temple choirs, was devoted to the music of Milton Barnes, Srul Irving Glick, Helen Greenberg and Ben Steinberg. Not only did the works show off the composers as choral writers, but as good instrumentalists. The announcement to not applaud in the middle of pieces allowed the audience to appreciate the thematic flow of the works.

The program was cleverly constructed to grow in complexity of presentation. While the concert began with Greenberg's *Shirei Ahavah* for an a cappella mixed choir, it ended with Steinberg's *The Three Festivals* which required the forces of a narrator, tenor soloist, two massed choirs and children's chorus, as well as four instruments. In between were Glick's *Sing unto the Lord a New Song* for mixed choir and harp and Barnes' *Shir Hashirim* for tenor, soprano, soprano chorus and seven instruments. This diversity of composition provided a most varied and interesting evening for the listeners.

All four composers were present in the audience. Greenberg sang in the choir while Barnes and Steinberg conducted their works.

Greenberg's *Shirei Ahavah (Song of Love)* includes Hebrew texts that span the centuries and testifies to the composer's wide-ranging scholarship. Designed to show various aspects of love, Greenberg was inspired by poetry from the Song of Songs and 18th- and 20th-century Jewish writers. The four selections ranging from lyrical to upbeat in rhythm provided a strenuous workout for the Holy Blossom Temple Chamber Choir conducted by Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner.

Greenberg has a penchant for writing dense music and at times her multitude of vocal lines threatens to obscure the basic melodic theme. Maissner and the choir had to be on top of things to preserve the integrity of each song as there was a real danger of becoming swamped by Greenberg's complexities. They acquitted themselves well.

The synagogue's chamber choir was also featured in Glick's work *Sing unto the Lord a New Song*. The peice, based on Glick's translations of four psalms, was originally commissioned by the Elmer Iseler Singers, Canada's top professional choir. Inspired by composer-harpist King David, Glick lavished equal love on the lush harp accompaniment proved by Marie Boisvert. The work is accessible and melodic and the second psalm, Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord, has the makings of a classic. If the choir didn't provide quite the nuance of the Iseler Singers, it certainly gave Glick's work an enthusiastic and committed rendering.

Barnes' *Shir Hashirim (The Song of Songs)* is a little jewel. Originally written for the Holy Blossom Temple in 1975, this dramatic cantata features a non-stop flow of inventive and inspired musical ideas which requires virtuosic playing and singing.

On one hand, there is the Maiden (sung by excellent American cantor Gail Hirschenfang) who has caught King Solomon's eye, but she can only think about her absent shepherd lover. And then there is the vainglorious Solomon (Maissner), who fancies himself a lover extraordinaire. These dichotomous solo voices are off-set by the Daughters of Jerusalem (female chorus) who try to interest the Maiden in the King and toady to his importance.

Steinberg's *The Three Festivals* cantata provided a suitable finale for several reasons. As it is a celebration of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, the timing was perfect. As well, the piece combined the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and Children's Choir as well as Steinberg's own Temple Sinai Choir. The many voices made a rousing and joyous conclusion to the concert.

The piece explains the festivals through supporting commentary from the Bible, using both English and Hebrew in the text. The unisoned voices of the children drives the piece along as they learn about the festivals and repeat their lessons. The narrator (Walter Soles) and chorus are the teachers with the odd foray from the tenor soloist (Maissner, again in very good voice) for emphasis or cantorial commentary. Steinberg's music is sprightly and melodic, and anchored in recognizable Jewish rhythms. The composer cleverly keeps the complex work together through instrumentation; whenever the chorus or soloist stopped singing, a resonating musical note kept the sections linked. Again the choruses performed with a strong commitment to the sensibility of the piece.

In all, the concert was a wonderful example of the depth and diversity of some of Toronto's best-known Jewish composers and provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening of music.

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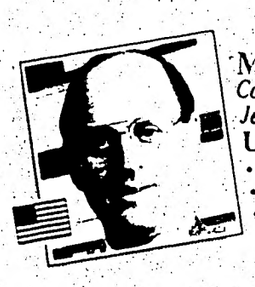

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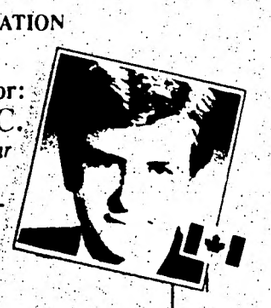

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ROM exhibit provides peek into David's city

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Little did David know that when he captured a small Jebusite stronghold called Jerusalem and made it his personal possession, he would launch the city toward immortality.

The City of David, as it became known, was actually a small, narrow enclave carved out of the steep, rocky hills of Jerusalem. Using today's references, David's conquest was located just outside the walls of the Old City. By moving the Ark of God there, David transformed the centre into a holy city and made Jerusalem the unified capital of ancient Israel.

Providing a fascinating peek into life in the ancient settlement is The City of David: Discoveries from the Excavations, a exhibit of some 300 artifacts unearthed over an eight-year period and slated to go on display next week at the Royal Ontario Museum.

These rare archeological finds, including vessels, storage jars, coins, statuettes, pottery and figurines, are helping scientists reconstruct David's city. The exhibit concentrates on discoveries from about 3000 B.C.E., when settlement began on the eastern hills, to roughly 70 C.E., the time the Second Temple was destroyed.

The excavation of the City of David was led by the late Yigal Shiloh, a scholar with considerable diplomatic skills, for he had to convince Arab landowners to rent him land for the dig and oppose ultra-Orthodox Jews who believed the site to be a cemetery and thus holy.

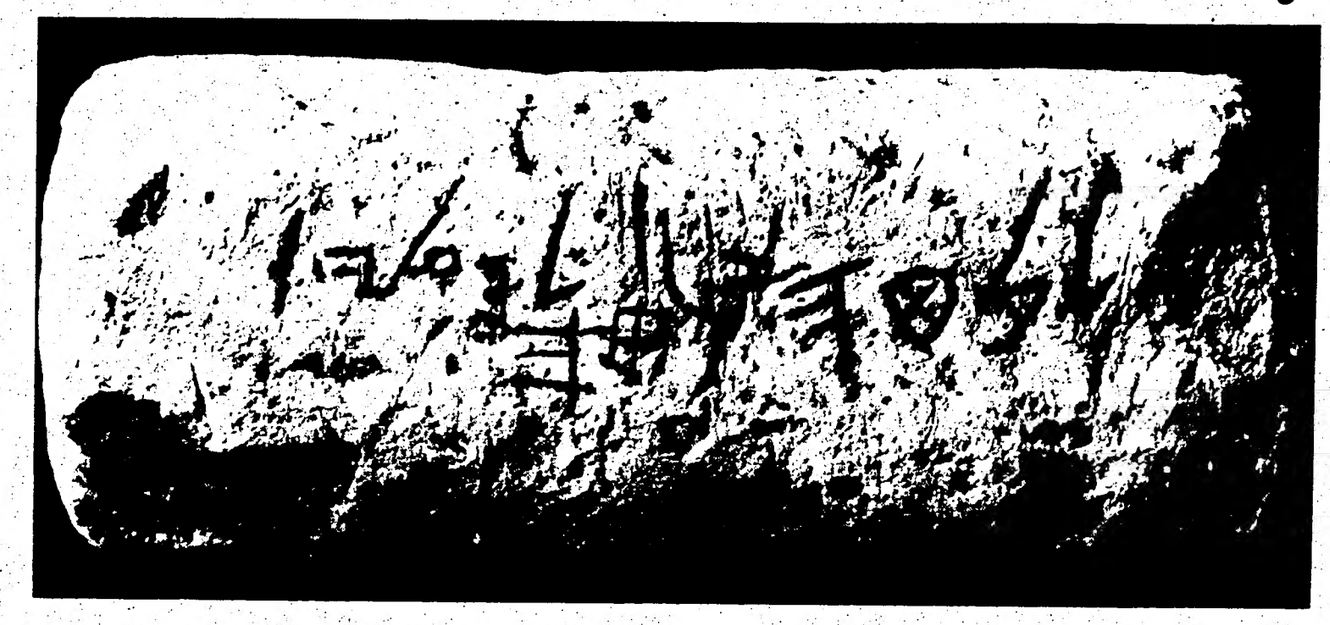
The project was developed by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's prestigious Institute of Archeology from 1978 to 1985 and revealed an enormous trove of new data on ancient Jerusalem and Judah, as well as the Old Testament. It was part of a massive archeological project that included digs in Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter and at the Western Wall.

Many of the artifacts in the ROM display, especially a clay manuscript sealer and some broken earthenware, bear inscriptions containing clear references to writings in the Old Testament, the show's curator, Gila Hurvitz, told *The CJN* in an interview.

The mostly bronze and iron objects tell us a lot about the ancient city's society and people, Hurvitz pointed out. For one, scholars now know that the City of David's populace was much more sophisticated than previously thought. Their houses were built into the sloped hills, which hint at advanced building skills, and were spacious, suggesting a society of upper middle-class merchants. They apparently ate well, evidenced by the number and variety of cooking utensils, pots and bowls found. One model in the exhibit illustrates how archeologists were able to reconstruct a three-storey house, along with its stone toilet. Bacteria in the toilet later provided clues to the inhabitants' diets.

Although the dig was closed eight years ago, it will soon be reopened because it is believed these finds, as well as thousands of other artifacts housed at Hebrew University, account for less than three percent of the objects yet to be unearthed from the City of David.

The exhibit opens April 27 and runs to Aug. 21. For information, call (416) 586-5551.



Above right, an inscribed ashlar stone from the House of Ahiel, part of the City of David: Discoveries from the Excavations exhibit set to open next week at the Royal Ontario Museum. Below, a fist from a bronze statuette, dated to the 10th century B.C.E.

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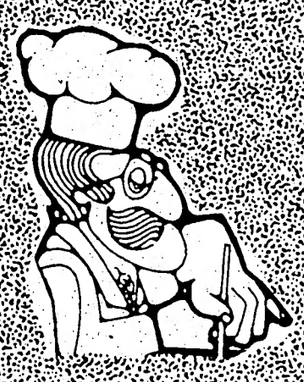

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Arts

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Antagonism to Jews is surveyed

Antisemitism by Robert S. Wistrich (Pantheon Books $25. U.S.)

The origins and persistence of anti-Semitism remain a mystery. The scholars remain divided. For some of them the primary causes are religious. The belief that Jews killed Jesus made the perpetrators not only hateful, but also terrifying. After all, only a people with superhuman powers could "murder" God.

It is no wonder that images of Jews as evil and satanic were encouraged by the early Church Fathers. The Crusades exploited the inflammatory themes to demonize Jews. Heroic crusaders on their way to the Holy Land burned and pillaged Jewish communities. Luther carried the pernicious message into the Reformation and the idea of the Jew as a primordial sinner became part of the catechism taught to children.

Hitler mobilized masses

It was this religious anti-Semitism, often mixed with mystical overtones, that eventually found a welcome haven in the secular, demented thinking of Hitler and his minions.

Some scholars, in addition to the religious hypothesis, are convinced that the roots of anti-Semitism are basically socio-economic and cultural in nature. Others maintain that as a minority group everywhere Jews became a likely scapegoat, easily blamed by the ignorant and unscrupulous for the major ills of society. Thus Hitler, it is argued, was able to mobilize the masses around a common hatred for his own evil purposes.

A number of psychiatrists have labelled anti-Semitism a non-organic disease of the mind which may take root and continue on a relatively unconscious level. This "symbol sickness" is difficult to eradicate and must be treated at an early age to be successful. Says Dr. Theodore Ruben, "Jew hating is always irrational and is always based on self, subjective, neurotic and psychotic logic born and supported mainly by unconscious dynamics."

Robert Wistrich is a professor of history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and this succinct book is a companion volume to the three-part TV series that was shown on PBS in 1992.

In a knowledgeable manner he surveys antagonism to Jews through the long centuries up to its resurgence in modern Europe. He astutely analyzes the canards, fantasies and obsessions of the past.

Lamentably, such consideration includes the shocking views of such intellectuals of the time as Voltaire, Renan, Rousseau and Karl Marx — and the influence of such nonsense as the "blood libel" and the international Jewish conspiracy to control the world. This latter view which produced the infamous forgery *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, circulated by the Russian Secret Police in the 1880s, was seriously taken up and publicized by Henry Ford and more recently by leaders in the Arab world.

His discussion of current events in the United States takes into account the changing attitude of blacks towards Jews and the danger from right wing racist groups. He is certain, however, that anti-Semitism in the United States is not part of the mainstream culture.

In dealing with Arab hostility to Israel he takes a dim view about any quick reconciliation. Arabs, he asserts, are committed to the idea of Islamic domination and, in truth, seek the eventual absorption of the Jewish state.

This book is enlivened by scores of striking illustrations. All in all it is a thoughtful and sobering up-to-date survey of a complex and difficult subject. It offers no answers but presents ample food for thought and discussion.

HARNOY IN CONCERT

Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital recently held a gala benefit concert at the Inn on the Park featuring internationally acclaimed cellist Ofra Harnoy. Seen (from left) Hindy Hirt, Janice Segal, Ofra Harnoy, Renee Rubinstein and Bev Minuk. Funds raised from the concert support ongoing research at Ezrath Nashim Hospital in Alzheimer's disease. This was her first concert performance following her being awarded a fourth Juno.

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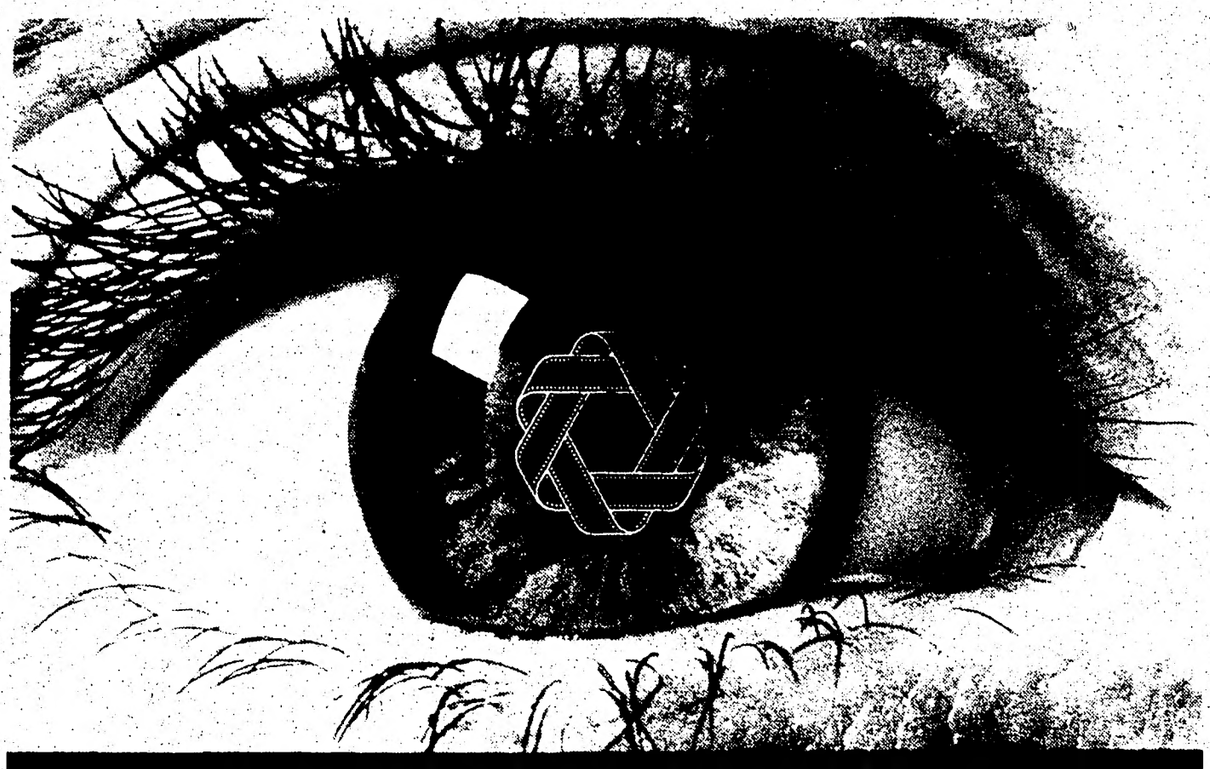

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Photography exhibit captures Singer's vision

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — For the late Nobel Prize laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer, Miami Beach was a place where "I have a chance to be among my own people." He and his wife bought an apartment there in 1976.

In 1986 Singer joined forces with photographer Richard Nagler to produce a series of photos that comprise a poignant portrait of South Miami Beach, as it used to be. Negler took the pictures and Singer provided the text in an outstanding exhibit being shown here under the auspices of the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society.

Singer made his first trip to Miami Beach in 1948, says Nagler, and it was love at first sight. Here Singer found the characters and atmosphere to match those of his stories.

Nagler, a prize-winning photographer whose work has been shown in galleries across the United States, realized that the people he photographed were indeed like the characters from a Singer story.

Through color photos of South Beach and its residents spanning 10 years, Nagler takes the viewer on a stroll through the unique community. The accompanying text is in the form of a conversation between the photographer and Singer. The text includes the 80-year-old author's views of life, mortality and religion. "Through the images of the photos and the words of I. B. Singer, the viewer experiences love, humor, faith, pain, joy and sorrow," says Nagler.

The exhibit has been borrowed from the Judan L. Magnes Museum of Berkeley, Calif. It is being shown until May 23.

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OJCC event

KELOWNA, B.C. — The International Day to End Racial Discrimination was marked last month at a multicultural evening hosted by the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre (OJCC).

Representatives from the city's various ethnic communities were invited to the event and ethnic foods were featured. The Baha'i Youth Group provided entertainment.

"This the type of event the OJCC thrives on," said president Mel Kotler. "It emphasizes our commitment to the multicultural mosaic of Kelowna and Canada."

The multicultural event was one of many "firsts" held at the centre, which opened last fall. Another first was a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party for Gloria and Michael Golbey, members of the centre, hosted by Donna and Ron Rubadeau.

Shapiro was a radio star

TORONTO — When radio was in its infancy, during the '20s and '30s, a youthful, tall and handsome hot fiddler named Jack Shapiro was a star of the new medium. Broadcasting with the Claude Logan Orchestra from Winnipeg's Roseland Ballroom. Shapiro's version of then popular songs like *Turkey In The Straw* and the latest hits by soon-to-be-legends like Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen and Sammy Kahn had a whole generation of Canadians kicking up their heels on dance floors wherever the sounds of the early Bell Telephone radio network could be heard.

While entertaining by night, Shapiro spent his days studying pharmacy in his hometown of Winnipeg and, with his younger brother, Hy, opened his own drug store. But music remained paramount in his life and, after raising a family, he and his wife, Frances, moved to Vancouver where he became part of the west coast's musical scene. Thousands may remember him as the elegant, tuxedo-clad strolling violinist at the Bayshore Inn and Hotel Vancouver during the 70s and 80s. He also played stints at other leading venues, cruise ships and official balls.

But, with the onslaught of age and Alzheimer's, the music slowed, faded and finally, this year, bone cancer stopped the musical hands from making magic. Though he had quit smoking 25 years ago, Shapiro developed lung cancer which ultimately took his life at the age of 84. He was born in 1908.

He is survived by Frances, his wife for 59 years, two sons, Marshall of Toronto and Joel of Nashville, TN and five grandchildren, as well as a legacy of memories.

Eye on Arts

Galerie Dresdnere, 12 Hazelton Lane, is currently exhibiting The Gift of Life, a benefit exhibition of paintings by Sir Roy Calne in support of the new multi-organ transplant unit at The Hospital for Sick Children. The exhibit will run to May 5.

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Musical tribute

Scarborough Music Theatre presents *Side by Side by Sondheim* as its third and final show for the 1992-93 season.

The show is a musical tribute to Stephen Sondheim, one of the greatest lyricists, composers and musical dramatists in the history of American musical theatre. He is responsible for such shows as *West Side Story*, *Gypsy*, *A Little Night Music* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Performances are at Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd., from April 29 to May 15.

Tickets can be purchased from the theatre box office or by calling 396-4049.

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Poetry readings

Bunny Iskov will be conducting four poetry readings for staff and students at Thornhill Public School on May 3 on the theme of race relations, multiculturalism and discrimination as part of Education Week and Mental Health Week.

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The Retinoblastoma Family Association, in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, presents acclaimed musician Judy Cave in the 5th annual benefit concert on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto.

Retinoblastoma is a childhood cancer which affects the eyes. To date the most effective cure is to remove the affected eye(s).

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Travel

Vancouver hotels played host to Russian and U.S. leaders

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Now that presidents Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin have given Vancouver their seal of approval, Canadians, especially those in central and Eastern Canada, should consider taking a look at what many consider one of the world's most beautiful cities.

"The beauty of Vancouver has inspired our work here," said Clinton during the recent summit. *The New York Times* raved about the arresting scenery and ABC-TV's Peter Jennings said Vancouver contains "the best of Seattle, San Francisco and Hong Kong. . . . At night the city literally glows from shore to shore across its inner harbor."

If you come, you may want to stay in the same hotels as Yeltsin and Clinton. Yeltsin checked into the 505-room Pan Pacific, given five diamonds by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA). It's popular with federal and provincial government officials. Located on the inner harbor, you get a spectacular view of harbor activity and the majestic mountains of the North Shore.

Clinton stayed at the American-owned Hyatt Regency in the business heart of the city. It has 646 rooms but only four CAA diamonds.

There's only one kosher restaurant in town, at the Jewish Community Centre, located in the Jewish district around Oak Street. There are no hotels in the area, which means a long walk to synagogue from the downtown hotels. The Four Seasons and Hyatt hotels offer kosher banquet meals for major events.

Traffic is heavy in downtown Vancouver, but the one-way streets move quickly. Many visitors prefer to use the SkyTrain, Vancouver's airborne rapid transit system, which runs from downtown to the suburbs. The SkyTrain is computer operated and runs every five minutes until 1 a.m. Regular transit is available by bus or trolley, and of course, cabs, which are pretty expensive.

While in Vancouver, you should take side trips to the Gulf Islands by ferry. Ferries to Victoria run every hour and with luck you may get on the new super-ferry, Spirit of B.C., which holds 2,000 passengers and 700 cars, and has six decks — almost as big as an ocean liner.

Air Canada and Canadian Airlines fly several times a day to Vancouver from Toronto and Montreal. Or take the Via Rail trip across the Prairies and through the Rockies — a wonderful experience if you're not in a hurry.

Stanley Park has top plays in the summer

Many of the summit meetings were held at the Four Seasons, located just blocks from the Hyatt. The 385-room hotel also rated five diamonds and is part of the Toronto chain.

Stanley Park, where Clinton went jogging, is 1,000 acres of trees, gardens, recreational activities and entertainment, located right on the ocean, and just a couple of miles from downtown. In the summer, it's famous for its Theatre Under the Stars, which features top-rated plays.

The land for Stanley Park was secured by the "father of Vancouver," David Oppenheimer, one of five Jewish brothers from Victoria who developed the city before 1886. David was mayor from 1888 to 1892 and his statue is in the park.

You may have read that Clinton took a harbor tour on a Royal Sealink catamaran. The Sealink boats, with first-class interiors, skim along the water from Vancouver to Victoria in about 2½ hours. Clinton was photographed at the helm of the catamaran with a bottle of what seemed to be beer in one hand, causing something of a stir because drinking while steering is a no-no!

In the winter, Grouse Mountain and Mount Seymour on the North Shore are great for skiing, and for viewing the city below. The North Shore can be reached by car over the Lions Gate Bridge or by seabus, which carries foot passengers and cyclists from downtown Vancouver.

Capilano Bridge draws tourists to North Shore

A major attraction of the North Shore is Capilano Canyon, over which hangs a 450-foot swaying bridge. If you're looking for a thrill, try walking it!

Although you can ski on the North Shore mountains, it's mild in the city year-round. Yes, there's lots of rain, but it never gets too cold or too hot. There are beaches all over the city, including Wreck Beach, where nude sun bathing is allowed.

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Economic News From Israel

HAIFA — Growing industrial investment is a significant characteristic of the Israel economy, and a highly promising one. Many international high tech companies are deepening their involvement in Israel because of its highly intelligent labor force. Investors abroad have discovered that this is an interesting field for new committments.

Israelis know how to turn bright ideas into marketable products quickly. Problem solving has become something of a national sport here, as well as a great natural resource. More and more investors from all over the world are taking note of this.

Representative of that attitude are three international electronics firms: Motorola, Vishay Intertechnology and Intel. All three are leaders in their fields and have long operated successful subsidiaries in Israel. Israel's wealth of innovative technical manpower and a consistently supportive public policy were the big lures.

Motorola Communications Israel is about to commit $30 million to establishing eight new research and development (R&D) teams for conducting highly innovative wireless communications projects. In time, the new products may lead to the expansion of Motorola's manufacturing base here, and significantly increase production and exports.

Like much of the industrial R&D carried out in Israel, Motorola's projects are eligible for substantial assistance from the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Grants from the Office of the Chief Scientist can cover as much as 50 percent of recognized research expenses. For Motorola's newest project, the government could contribute as much as $10 million over the next two or three years.

Vishay Intertechnology, manufacturers of electronic components, have proposed to commit $50 million to the construction of a new industrial plant in Beersheba. This is in addition to the $40-million expansion program of existing production facilities in Dimona. Vishay's track record is impressive; $41 million in exports in 1991, $48 million in 1992. The projects will create 500 jobs in areas where they are badly needed.

Intel, the California-based micro electronics giant, is said to be considering a seven-year development program, which would mean an investment of up to $1 billion in Israel. Intel currently operates a large planning and design unit in Haifa and a manufacturing plant in Jerusalem.

Other international companies are entering the Israel market by buying into promising local operations. Digital Computers, DSSI, IBM and Electronic Data System, a General Motors subsidiary, were among those to make such moves recently. Advent International, the Boston-based risk capital specialists, has joined a firm for investing in new technologies.

Local high tech producers continue to grow at a steady pace. Telrad, makers and exporters of telephone equipment, committed $10 million to expanding their facilities in Lod.

Elscint just finished upgrading its Maalot plant. Elbit built a $30-million production facility for advanced TV receivers and the Oil Refineries allocated $350 million for upgrading and expansion programs. On the Dead Sea, a $26-million metallic magnesium production facility is being built in partnership with a Japanese firm, part of an expansion project by the Israel Chemicals Group and its member firms.

Motorola Israel Information Systems has announced the world's quickest dialling modem, the Fast Codex 3266. It is compatible with most known communications standards, including the European CCITT, and the American Bell system. It can transmit 24,000 units per second, and is capable of increasing its speed to 115,200 units per second without depending on the working speed of the line.

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The U.S. Federal Aviation Authority has approved **Bedek** to convert Boeing 747 passenger planes to a full-cargo configuration. Bedek is a division of Israel Aircraft Industries and has extensive experience in converting and upgrading both civilian and military aircraft.

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Nir-Lat, makers of paints and coatings, have concluded an agreement with Dow Corning for the co-operative development of innovative sealing products.

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Amcor, one of Israel's home appliances manufacturers, has agreed to provide an Indian company with the necessary know-how to manufacture electric and solar water heaters. The deal is said to be worth $500,000.

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A SPECIAL GUEST

Mikhail Gorbachev, former leader of the Soviet Union, was in Toronto recently to introduce his foundation, the International Foundation for Socio-economic and Political Studies established in 1992. He is strongly encouraging Western businesses to invest in his country rather than just sending money to bail the former Soviet Union out of their economic troubles. He is seen here with George Cohon, chairman of McDonald's Restaurants, at Variety Village in Toronto. (Cindy Charkow photo)

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Montreal developer David Azrieli was joined by several dignitaries at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony of his Jerusalem Mall. Helping Azrieli cut the ribbon is Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. To his right are MK Ariel Sharon and Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector. To his left is Uzi Wexler, director of the Jerusalem Development Authority.

Plan for retirement

Your Finances

These are tough times for many Ontarians. When young families look at the cost of running a home and raising children on what may be a reduced income this year, little may be left for savings. Setting aside money for retirement may seem impossible.

However, it's important to start retirement financial planning early, even when only small amounts of money can be set aside periodically. Personal well-being during retirement is often related to financial security.

According to the Pension Commission of Ontario (PCO), there are three main sources of retirement income: government programs; workplace pension plans and personal savings. A first step in planning for retirement advises the PCO, is to look at what you can realistically expect to receive from these sources.

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is a program administered by the federal government. Every person between the ages of 18 and 70 and employed in Ontario contributes to the CPP. Contribution — a percentage of eligible earnings — are deducted automatically from your pay cheque.

The amount of eligible earnings is set annually by the federal government. At retirement you receive a monthly pension based on the period of time you contributed to CPP and an average of your earnings over the last years before retirement.

However, CPP payments are not intended to replace annual earnings before retirement. A CPP pension is usually only sufficient as a base for retirement income.

Old Age Security is another federal government program that provides monthly payments to all residents of Canada age 65 years and over. Though government programs are important sources, it's doubtful they can provide most people with enough income to meet retirement needs.

For people in the workforce, employer-sponsored pension plans or, to a lesser extent, group RRSPs, are also an important source of retirement income. They can often make the difference in financial security.

The two main types of pension plans offered by Ontario employers are defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. Some plans include elements of both types.

In a defined benefit pension plan, you are promised a certain monthly benefit based on years of service, salary or a combination of the two. Members have a good idea about the amount of pension benefits they can expect at retirement.

In a defined contribution plan, it's the amount of money your employer contributes that benefits the member. The amount of pension you receive is based on the money in your account on the day you retire as well as annuity prices.

Group RRSPs are somewhat similar to defined contribution plans. You or your employer contributes each year to your RRSP account. But it isn't a pension plan — you have none of the protections of pension laws.

The PCO administers the Pension Benefits Act which ensures that pension plan members in Ontario-registered plans receive the benefits they are entitled to when they retire.

The Act also requires employers to inform members about their pension plan through an administrator. The administrator is responsible for informing you about your entitlements and answering questions about your plan.

Having enough retirement income from savings doesn't happen overnight — it takes many years. The small amounts you save when you are young can increase greatly over time due to compound interest.

It's easier to save money if you commit yourself to setting aside a percentage of each paycheque. If you think about retirement savings only at RRSP season, the money may be hard to find.

Personal savings can take many forms. In addition to RRSPs, you may also be able to rely on the equity in a home, cottage or business, an investment portfolio or an inheritance.

To get a good start at saving, you may need to re-order your priorities and trim extras for a while. You'll soon discover that the best time to start retirement saving was yesterday.

It's really important to contribute as much as possible to an RRSP or build up the value of personal assets. If your employer does not sponsor a retirement program, suggest establishing a pension plan or group RRSP. If you're changing jobs, look for a company with a good pension plan.

Building security in retirement requires a goal, a plan and disipline. It's never too early to start. Begin by knowing which sources of retirement income are available and what you can expect from them. Then work at building up these resources. When you finally retire, you'll appreciate you efforts.

To order a free copy of a new booklet entitled *Understanding Your Pension Plan*, write to the Pension Commission of Ontario — Publications, 101 Bloor St. W., 9th Floor, Toronto, Ont., M7A 2K2.

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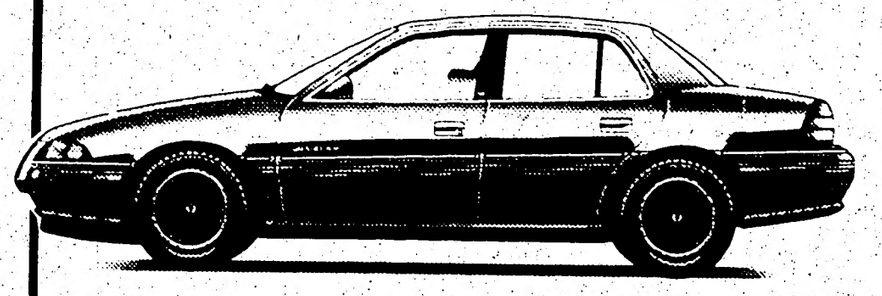

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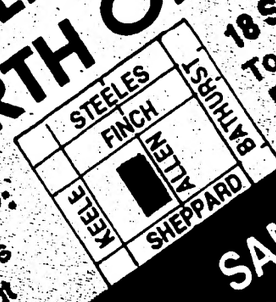

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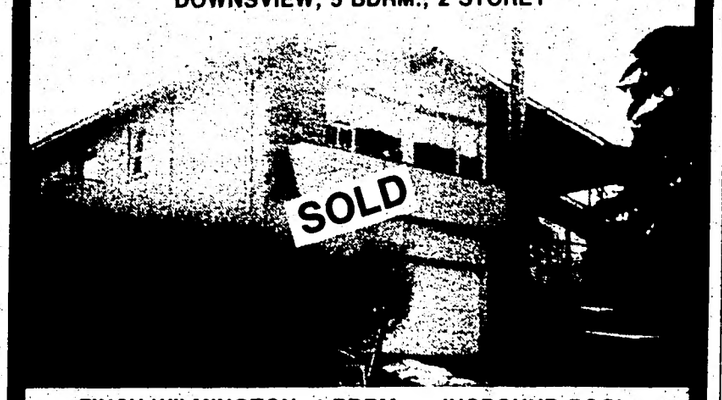

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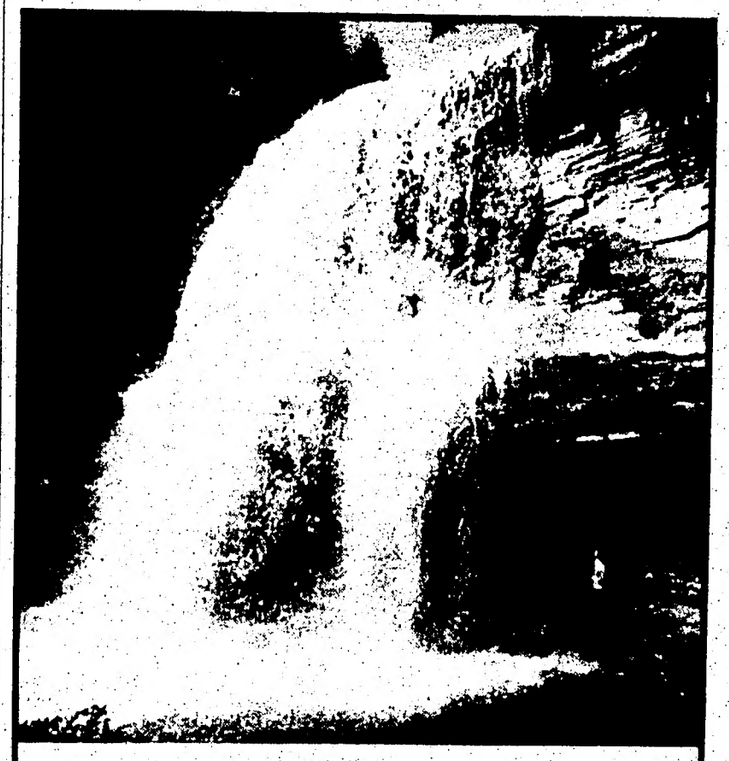

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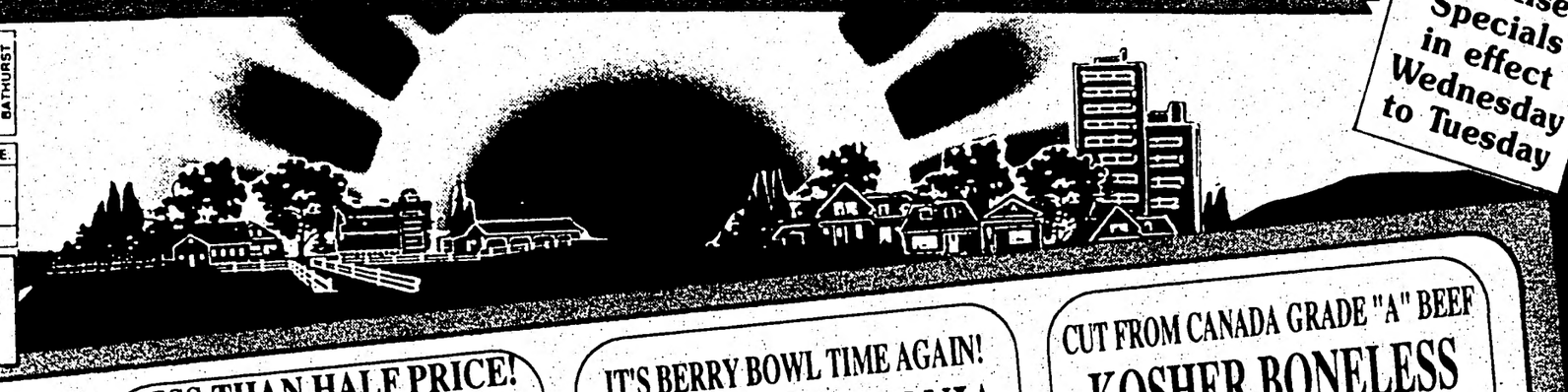

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